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## CCF Retains Big Majority Despite Double Headed Attack from Liberal and Social Credit Parties

The Saskatchewan CCF won its fourth consecutive provincial victory last week with another whopping majority, electing twice as many members as the Liberal and Social Credit parties combined. Social Credit pre-election boasts about "sweeping the province" ended with them electing only three members and losing thirty deposits.

The three seats won by Social Credit were formerly held by Liberals. Not a single CCF seat was won by the invaders from the west, in spite of the fact that the Alberta-B.C. aggregation sent their two premiers, several cabinet ministers, some high pressure, professional salesmen and buckets of money into their raiding act.

On the basis of incomplete returns the CCF won 35 out of the 52 seats at stake. The election in one seat, the far northern riding of Athabaska, is not to take place until July 4, because of the late spring in that area. Even in the seats which it lost the CCF made a strong showing, the results in most cases being in doubt almost to the last ballot. Counting of the advance polls could still change the result in some.

The Liberal party won 13 seats, three more than it had in the last legislature, and they were ahead only two votes in Turtleford, still undecided. In some constituencies it was apparent that Liberal gains

were due to the vote splitting effect of the Social Credit entry. In other areas the Liberals were notably weak, four of their candidates losing their deposits.

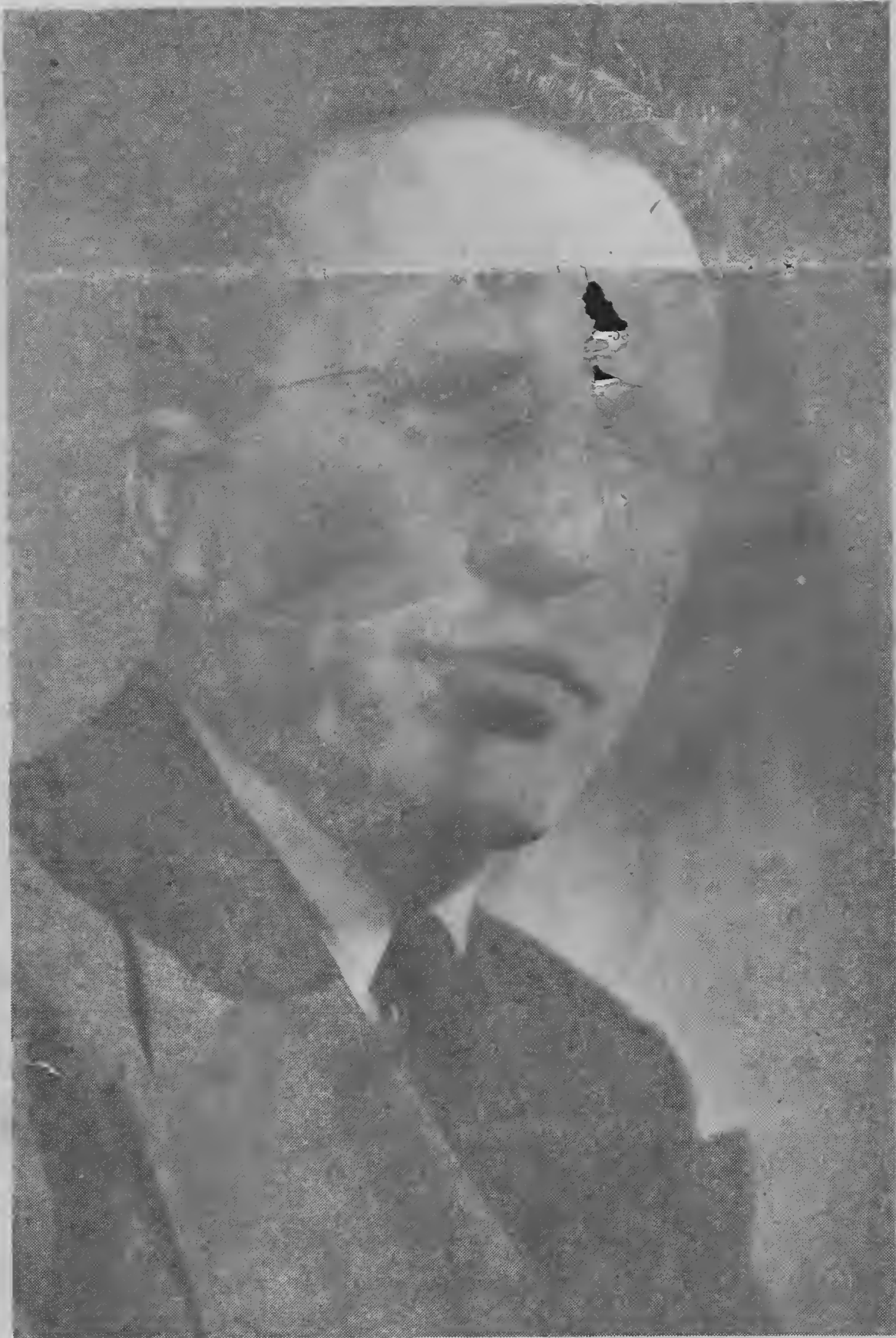
The CCF showed exceptional strength in the cities, winning them all with sizeable majorities. In Saskatoon the CCF ran up such a total that all the other parties lost their deposits. In Regina only the Liberals saved their deposits, and that by a small margin.

The results would seem to indicate that the Progressive-Conservative party is definitely finished in the west. Out of eight P.C. candidates, seven lost their deposits. The other one, Robert Kohaty who had been a member of the legislature for Souris-Estevan with Lib.-PC backing, ran on a straight PC ticket and went down to defeat.

Joining the Progressive-Conservative

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## TOMMY DOUGLAS LEADS THE WAY!



Premier Tommy Douglas whose dynamic leadership is spiced with his brilliant oratory, has led the Saskatchewan CCF administration through twelve years of sensational achievements. As a result of the overwhelming public support given to the CCF in last week's election, "Tommy" will continue to lead the way for the next four years, which promise to be the most fruitful of all for the people of the province.

## Confidence Accepted In Spirit Of Humility Says Premier Douglas

REGINA.—As soon as the great victory of the CCF had been conceded by all opponents on the evening of Wednesday, June 20, Premier T. C. Douglas issued the following statement to the press and radio:

"Today the people of the province have given the CCF government a mandate to implement its twelve point Program for Prosperity. By their votes the electorate have said that they want us to continue with our resource and industrial development in a manner that will bring a greater measure of security and prosperity to every citizen. We gratefully accept the public's endorsement of our program and I can assure you that we will devote our time and energies to the task of promoting the welfare of Saskatchewan and its people.

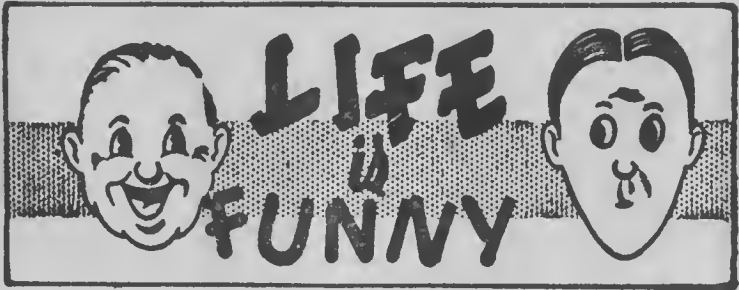
"My colleagues and I accept the vote of confidence you have given us in a spirit of humility. I can assure you that it will not make us smug or complacent but instead will spur us on to greater efforts to make Saskatchewan a province of which we can all be justly proud.

"May I extend my heartfelt thanks to the thousands of CCF supporters who have made this election victory possible. Today's success is not so much due to those of us who have been candidates in this election but rather to that great host of dedicated

men and women who have given of their time and energy because they believe in the ideals and principles which the CCF movement represents. We are grateful for the effort you have put forth and we will strive to be worthy of the trust you have placed in us.

"I would like at this time to express my thanks to the newspapers, radio and television stations for the excellent news coverage which they have given to all parties during this election campaign. It is a tribute to our belief in democracy that the electorate have had an opportunity to hear all points of view, and today they have made their decision. It is to the credit of these media of public information that every political party has had an opportunity to present its program and policies to the voting public.

"Now that the election campaign is over, I appeal to people in all walks of life to close ranks and work harmoniously together for a better and greater Saskatchewan. Our province has entered upon a new era of resource and industrial development. Our greatest years lie ahead of us. We can only achieve our true destiny if all of us, irrespective of our political affiliation, are prepared to work together as a team to make Saskatchewan the most progressive province in Canada."



Passenger: "Which end of the ear do I get off?"  
Conductor: "Either end. It stops at both ends."

Firefly: "Put out that light. Don't you know this is a black-out?"  
Second Firefly: "How can I help it? When you gotta glow, you gotta glow."

"How long must I wait for that half portion of duck I ordered?"  
"Till somebody orders the other half. We can't go out and kill half a duck."

Church board notice: "What is Hell like?"  
"Come and hear our organist."

## VICTORY

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vatives in the cellar were the two Labor Progressive candidates, one in Saskatoon and one in Regina, who failed to poll 300 votes between them.

One of the surprises of the election was the defeat of the Liberal candidate in Rosthern by the Social Credit candidate. Rosthern has always been a solidly Liberal seat, and was the former stronghold of one-time Saskatchewan Liberal leader Walter Tucker.

Two interesting new additions to the legislature will be Wilfred Gardiner (Lib.) and Kim Thorson (CCF). Gardiner is the son of The Right Honorable J. G. Gardiner, and he is representing his home constituency of Melville, which is represented federally by his father. It is the last remaining hide-out of the once powerful "Jimmy" Gardiner machine.

Kim Thorson is a brilliant young graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, who at 24 is the youngest man to ever win a seat in the Saskatchewan legislature. He is an eloquent speaker with a great future before him.

## Shorter Week Answer To Automation

MONTREAL (CPA)—A shorter work-week and improvements in wages and work conditions will be necessary to meet the problems raised by the spread of automation and the growth of the labor force, president George E. Leighty of the order of railroad telegraphers told nearly 600 delegates to the 34th convention of the ORT at the Mount Royal hotel.

In a comprehensive 200-page report on the progress of the order since its last convention in 1952, the president said that the trend towards reduction of overall employment will probably be continued as automative processes are brought into increasing use.

"With automation being introduced into so many industries, together with the annual increase in the work force, it seems inevitable that as a nation we shall be compelled to go on a shorter work week to furnish jobs for those who want to work."

President Leighty reported that despite a reduction in the labor force employed on the railroads, the dues-paying membership of the ORT has increased by nearly 4,000 since the 1952 convention to a new total—the highest since the 1920s—of 67,000.

Blonde: "I heard you split with your millionaire boyfriend."

Brunette: "Not a word of truth; I got all of it."

Gushing hostess: "You know I've heard such a great deal about you."

Politician: "Possibly, but you can't prove anything."

One of the first problems facing newlyweds is to find a home. The next it seems, is to find a car to get away from home.

Where's your chivalry?  
Oh, I turned it in for a Buick.

A business man is a maker of deals. He wants to close a profitable deal in the shortest possible time; he tells you what a good bargain you are getting. And when he tells you what a good bargain you are getting he is getting. He is always thinking what a good bargain he appeals to the selfishness in you to satisfy the selfishness in him.

Peter Maurin

## Pipe Line Boom In Sask.

REGINA—Two proposals to construct pipe lines in southern Saskatchewan were briefly outlined at the first session of a public hearing of the oil and gas conservation board in the legislative building, Regina.

The case for the South Saskatchewan Pipe Line Company of Regina, which is asking permission to construct an 8-mile line from the Dollard to Cantuar oil field in south-western Saskatchewan connecting with an existing line running from Cantuar to Regina, was submitted first by Regina barrister M. A. McPherson. The company is backed by the Mobil-Woodley-Canadian southern production group.

The second application for a permit which was made by the Royal Pipe Lines Company Ltd. of Regina on May 11 was then outlined by R. M. Balfour Q.C. This company seeks to build a 367-mile oil pipeline linking the Cantuar and Dollard areas and extending eastward across the southern portion of the province to take in the Midale field. From there it is proposed to join the Interprovincial Pipe Line at Glenavon.

The \$2,900,000 pipe line proposed by the South Saskatchewan Pipe Line Co. would be completed by this fall, and would meet three Saskatchewan refineries at Moose Jaw and Regina, due to the company's existing line from Cantuar to Regina, Mr. McPherson said.

The Royal Pipe Line, to be built at a cost of approximately \$18,000,000, provided by Dallas backers, would provide a wider market and pass through an extensive area of south-eastern Saskatchewan which is attracting considerable attention now, Mr. Balfour contended.

After the hearing the oil and gas conservation board was to make recommendations to the minister of mineral resources, Hon. J. H. Brockelbank, concerning the proposals.

## Big Agricultural Program Carried Out By Sask. Conservation and Dev. Branch

REGINA.—The conservation and development branch of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture had a very busy time during the 1955-56 fiscal year which ended April 1. In addition to a substantial emergency flood control program designed to make badly needed farm land available for seeding, the branch carried on a variety of projects ranging from pasture improvement to irrigation. A total of 110 projects were worked on over the year.

Three million cubic yards of earth were moved to build 183 miles of new ditches and 42 miles of road, and to maintain 14 miles of old ditch or natural run-off channel. A total of 269 structures were built and maintained, while on forage projects 43 miles of fence

## High Esteem Expressed For A. MacInnis

OTTAWA (CPA)—Angus MacInnis, veteran MP for Vancouver-Kingsway and deputy leader of the CCF in the house of commons, has announced that he will probably retire from public life in the near future. He has represented constituencies in the Vancouver area, as a Labor or CCF M.P., constantly since 1930. Failing health over the last two years has caused him to decide on resignation from parliament so that he can devote some time to gardening at his Vancouver home.

His announcement in the commons that he might retire from parliament before the next election has caused deep regret among members from all parties in the house.

"The coin that will buy Angus MacInnis will never be minted," the Liberal leader in British Columbia said in a message of tribute on the 25th anniversary of his election to parliament.

The gravel voice of this unfailing champion of the people in the house of commons has made it plain to even the most casual observer over the past quarter century that the welfare of the nation has been his sole concern. His talents have always been at the service of all who suffer injustice. Often he has stood alone for the things which he believed to be right. His staunch defence of the Japanese-Canadians at the time of their eviction from the west coast was conducted in the face of great criticism.

Mr. MacInnis was born in Glen William, Prince Edward Island in 1884, the son of Scots from the Isle of Skye. His mother tongue was Gaelic.

He reached Vancouver via Boston in 1903 and has stayed ever since. Soon after his arrival he took an active part in politics and helped found the Federated Labor Party—predecessor of the CCM in B.C. Under the banner of the Federated Labor Party he was elected in 1922 and 1923 to the Vancouver school board. Three years later he began a five-year term on the Vancouver city council. In 1930 he was elected to Ottawa as a representative of the Independent Labor Party.

For 17 years he was active in the trade union movement as a conductor and motorman for the B.C. Electric Co. and subsequently as business agent for Division 101 of his union—the Street Railway-men (AFL-TLC).

He was one of the founders of the CCF and has the longest record of service in the commons of any member of the CCF group. In 1932 he married Grace, daughter of J. S. Woodsworth.

and three corrals were built. In addition, 126 miles of line and 734 acres of right-of-way were cleared in preparation for future development.

Breaking was completed on 1,215 acres of land, and 1,740 acres were irrigated. Nine-hundred and twelve acres sown to cereal crops produced more than 32,000 bushels of grain. There was 4,230 acres seeded to perennial forage crops, while 2,840 tons of hay was harvested by conservation and development branch crews. In addition to this, over 16,000 tons of hay was harvested by other agencies on projects developed previously by the branch.

Commanding the greatest amount of time and money expenditure over the year under review, was drainage. The total program accomplished 808 miles of strip topography and moved over 3 million cubic yards of earth to build 173 miles of ditch and 42 miles of road. All told, 206 structures were installed.

The drainage program was divided into two sections, emergency and regular. The emergency part again was divided into blasting and construction of main works, and work and wages. Phase one of the emergency program saw 138 small unnamed projects worked on, which affected about 500 farmers; and 18,000 acres of land were improved by construction of over 30 miles of ditch and the removal of 86 beaver dams, mainly by blasting. More than 2,280 cases of dynamite were used by blasting crews in the field.

Phase two of the emergency program entailed work on 36 projects. To build 126 miles of the main ditch and 18 miles of road, 1.8 million cubic yards of earth

was moved. One-hundred and fourteen structures of various types were installed. Under the work and wages part of the program, five rural municipalities and one local improvement district was assisted by financing labor for brush clearing and removal of debris from 278 miles of natural channel, and in clearing 49 miles of survey line.

Under the regular section of the program, 13 projects were advanced by moving more than a million yards of earth to build 45 miles of ditch and 22 miles of road. Nine-two structures were installed, and in addition engineering services were provided to several proposed drainage projects. During the year, over 11,000 acres of topographic surveys and 800 miles of strip topographic surveys were completed.

Other important projects which received considerable attention during the year being reviewed include irrigation affecting more than 24,000 acres of farm land; a large irrigation program for forage crops; a comprehensive dry-land forage program under which 3,730 acres of land was broken, and a pasture program.

One afforestation project at Kincaid was developed by the planting of 32,000 trees.

## No Plans For Workers Who Are Laid Off

OTTAWA (CPA)—Labor Minister Gregg has announced that the government has no specific plans for the absorption of laid-off automotive and farm implement workers.

He told a questioner in the commons recently that while it was unfortunate that skilled workers in those fields might have to take employment elsewhere, "I am sure other employment will be available for most of them."

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### Sask. Auto Insurance

On the evening of June 7 last, I was travelling west on No. 13 highway, some fifteen miles east of Shaunavon, when a terrible storm struck, terrific winds, the likes of which are seldom encountered. I have a "\$50 deductible" package policy on my car, with Government Insurance. I also received when I purchased this package policy, a 20 per cent discount, off the regular premium, as having a no-claims record for three years, with previous package policies with the same company.

The flying gravel off the road, damaged my car to the extent of several hundred dollars.

Now, contrary to the belief of a few, the government insurance does pay claims, honestly, and I firmly believe, fairly. On my package policy when I renew the same next year and providing I have no accident during the remaining term of my present policy, I can again receive the 20 per cent discount, as my car was damaged in a windstorm, and on this claim there is no deductible, so this claim of several hundred dollars, does not cost me on cent.

Now, some other companies, who lower their rates in Saskatchewan, to try, and only to try, to compete with our government insurance, are simply trying to put up a bold front. Surely, if our roads are as terrible as they sometimes maintain they would have to raise their rates here to compensate for our supposedly poor roads and not have them lower than they are in our neighboring provinces. Might I suggest to people going to Alberta or Manitoba on holidays, to check insurance rates in these provinces.

In the June 23 issue of MacLean's Magazine, the Allstate Insurance Co. of America, selling auto insurance, with the Canadian head-office in Toronto, lists the

Canadian sales locations, several listed in each of B.C., Alberta and Manitoba, as well as all other parts of Canada, but Saskatchewan is not listed in this advertisement, why?

Could it be they do not care to advertise, etc. in a province where we have such a wonderful low cost insurance plan? There could be several reasons. I have great respect for the American people, but let us run our own show, and not sell ourselves down the drain to American interests, as the governing bodies of our neighbors, to the east and west have done of late.

Ken Cooper,  
Regina, Sask.

### Large Units Successful

#### AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL LIBERALS

The Liberals have had nothing to say for themselves but throw mud and smear all those people who are doing a very good job in the administration of our larger school units, whether it is Canora or Yorkton or Sturgis or let it be Foam Lake. The people who serve on our unit boards are not people from Regina or elsewhere but are ones chosen by the people or rather ratepayers.

In a recent issue of the Canora Courier, the editorial section, which reads as follows: Under the Liberal system, if someone wanted a larger unit, he was to take a petition of at least 200 resident ratepayers, representing at least 20 school districts, a vote was to be granted." But on this point I'll question how many of such votes were held? How many of such units were organized?

I remember some 18 or 19 years ago when my late Dad and Mother attended a local school meeting and this is what they were told to do when a question of a larger unit was raised. Do not vote in favour of such a system, because there are going to be trustees assigned by Regina. It was at a time when our local school district was next to broke and the teacher received some \$150 of the \$375 or \$400 salary. I just wonder if many of our school teachers would like

to get back to the good old days, when they either had to get out to work after hours or even go out to trap muskrats in order to make ends meet.

Listening to John Plaxin at one of his meetings he had this to say: "I was in favor of a larger unit because Buchanan needed a school in the worst way", but since Buchanan got a school now Mr. Plaxin is against the unit. What a silly statement to be made by a Liberal candidate!

Alex Malowney,  
Rama, Sask.

### Coppermine For Campaign

I have discovered a copper mine in Manitoba which will enable us to finance a foundation for the CCF in our province, and the CCF is just as important to us now as any other discovery ever made. This mine can be operated by the people themselves and no financing by the federal government is necessary.

The mine itself is just a little fruit juice tin. It has a little slot on top big enough to put a coin through. The mineral is not in the tin but must be put into it, just the opposite of any mine yet operating.

Once the tin is full we have the copper mine which will enable us to carry out an election campaign which will make history in the annals of the CCF. Every local group shall give a tin to every member and every member shall every night empty his pockets and put the coppers in the tin. A few pennies a day will not hurt anybody but a few dollars a year will put us in a position to fight a campaign against a monopoly of highly-financed political groups.

One hundred members at the rate of three cents a day would give us in a years time over a thousand dollars. If everyone contributed, this would be enough to do what we aim to do.

If possible, make the slot in the tin big enough to let the odd nickel slip through. A silverlining in the copper field would be a welcome discovery when the mine is exploited. All tins shall be emptied

when full or before election and receipts shall be given. All this money shall be slated for the campaign purposes alone.

If you are a true CCFer, then be a copper miner and start digging right now. The mine will be a tremendous success and the first natural resource exploited by the people of Manitoba without any help from those who own the mines.

As long as the federal mint makes pennies, our mine will be operating.

H. R. Fries,  
Brandon, Man.

### Disappointed In B.C.

I would like to remind the people of Saskatchewan that a "fanatic" is a danger to the community and to society as a whole whether he be a religious or political fanatic, and "Don't" forget that the Socreds are in religion and politics at the same time in a very fanatical manner which makes them doubly dangerous.

It is becoming more difficult by the day to even discuss politics with a lot of the people who formerly supported the Socreds, which I would say indicates that they were led to believe that by supporting the Socreds they would better the political situation in B.C., but have found out now, that they helped to elect the extreme right wing of the Tory party and are very disappointed.

Both Mr. Manning and Mr. Bennett are promising the people of Saskatchewan more services and less taxes, yet we know they are also giving almost all the profit of oil and gas to private concerns, then where will they get the money from? You, the land owners, Mr. Manning of Alberta, Mr. Bennett of B.C. and their cabinet ministers should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves for spreading such lies.

W. L. ELL,  
Dawson Creek, B.C.

### Purchasing Power

I have before me a book entitled "Equity for All", by H. E. Nichols. May I say at the outset that there is no such thing as Social Credit. It is a misnomer. Social Crediters stress the fact that we have 'Poverty in the midst of Plenty', which, of course is quite true, e.g. 20,000 unemployed in the city of Winnipeg last winter. They claim that these conditions are due to a chronic shortage of purchasing power. True, the unemployed and many others are short of buying power, but it is not because there is a chronic shortage of buying

power but because the buying power is concentrated in a few hands as I shall proceed to show.

The Financial Post of March 10, 1956 reports two estates, one of 70 million and the other of 210 million dollars. In the Canada Year Book, 1955, page 1203, I find that there are 1091 deposits payable after notice of over \$100,000 each, or a total of 357 millions stands to the credit of these people. Same page: Total deposits payable after notice, 5,225 millions of dollars; Deposits payable on demand, 3,149 millions; Bank of Canada notes in circulation, 1,530 millions. In addition to all this money there is the post office savings. There is another important factor which is completely ignored by Major Douglas and other Social Credit writers, and that is that bonds may be sold or pledged with the resultant purchasing power becoming available.

I have a folder entitled, "Demunion Bureau of Statistics," Vol. 32, No. 8, Aug. 1955. Quote, "The total value of cheques cashed in 52 clearing houses during Aug. stood at \$13,935,000,000." and, "Deposit turnover computed on an annual footing stood at 39.28." The turnover of savings accounts on the same basis was 1.38. The point that I wish to stress is that we now have sufficient buying power to do a great deal more than at present, provided those who have the money desire to use it.

Farmer,  
Winnipeg, Man.

### More Forum On Page 11

## Keep Saskatchewan Ahead!

By MAGNUS ELIASON

While this will appear in the June 27 issue, it is written before the election, so at the time of writing, election results are still being predicted. I am however confident that the Douglas government will be returned, and will at this time confine my prediction to that statement. This election is just another round in a long fight in the process of building a nation-wide movement, and in achieving progressive objectives. Our members and supporters have fought valiantly in this election campaign, against a well financed political machine, representing big business under the Liberal and Social Credit banners.

But with the passing of one election campaign, our activity does not end till the next campaign starts. The CCF is a way of life, we have a vision of a better society, where people's motives will be to build a better province, a better nation, yes a better world for all to live in, and not greed and uncontrolled profiteering. That is what distinguishes the CCF from other political parties. Building a better society is not done just at election time. Our people do that every day by putting ideas to work in their own community. One only needs to travel this province to see the results of such building over the years.

That is why Saskatchewan stays in the lead, so many of our people dream and think and talk about progress, they act and work and build toward a new order, the co-operative commonwealth.

Motorist: "I simply wash my hands of the whole affair."  
Officer: "I'm afraid you can't do that sir."

Motorist: "Oh, can't I? It's not my car. I haven't got a driving license, and I've never driven before."

### Women In Politics

By HELEN LUTHER

It took courage to win. There was a time two weeks before election day when we almost faltered. The name-calling, lying, money-mad campaign against us was at its furious height. Then, like tigers leaping to defend their homes, the ordinary people fought back.

They talked election all day long over the back fences. They telephoned. They put on their good clothes and went visiting. And you know how kids will catch the fever when mom is worked up about something.

We can be forgiven for our wild celebration on election night, our cheers for our re-elected MLA's and our midnight parade. In the cool of the morning after, we are humble in our victory. The capital of Socialism in North America fights on.

## WE'RE ON THE WAY AGAIN!





# 12 Cabinet Ministers Re-elected

## Libs Have Lost Moral Authority Coldwell Declares

REGINA. — Large crowds throughout Saskatchewan greeted M. J. Coldwell on his recent speaking tour through the province. Besides dealing with important issues of the Saskatchewan election campaign he devoted considerable time to federal matters. Following are some excerpts from Mr. Coldwell's comments on matters before the house of commons.

The federal Liberal government by the manner in which ruthlessly it has pushed through its subsidy to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd., has lost its moral authority to govern on behalf of the people of Canada. The mandate given by the people in 1953 to the Liberal party was a mandate to proceed only by the recognized democratic parliamentary processes. The people did not give the government a blank cheque to override the rights of parliament as some government members suggest. Majority rule in a democracy always implies respect for the minority whether in parliament or outside of it.

Democratic government based upon elected representatives means that whenever the government becomes irresponsible and proceeds contrary to public opinion then the representatives of the people have the sacred duty to speak out and protest. That is what we in the CCF sought to do on the pipe-line question. It was this right that the Liberal majority curtailed. Certainly, therefore, the Liberal government has forfeited its mandate.

Let the prime minister do as Sir Wilfrid Laurier did back in 1911, when he was prime minister and a government proposal raised strong opposition in the country as well as in the house of commons. Debate on the reciprocity measure had carried on intermittently for seven months and Laurier in spite of all this provocation did not invoke closure. He did not cut off debate. Instead, he decided to take the ultimate democratic step of calling a general election and getting the verdict of the people. That was the right thing to do then. It is the right thing to do now.

Laurier was defeated in 1911 but two years later he declared, "Heaven is my witness that I would rather stand here today defeated and in opposition by that appeal to the people than to stand here in office by the power of the gag."

This Liberal government dares not meet the people on this issue. It fears the public verdict would be against its massive subsidy to the oil and gas companies that own Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. This government, so fond of power, is trying to cling to office until next year at which time it hopes the people will have forgotten and forgiven. Therefore, rather than take the pipe-line issue to the people as we in the CCF suggested, they denied the democratic rights of members of the house of commons.

**SOCIAL CREDIT**

I am sure that the people of Canada must be thoroughly dismayed and alarmed at the really vigorous defence that the Social Credit party has made of the federal Liberal government's proposition to subsidize at the public expense the three or four U.S. oil and gas companies that own Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. Indeed, Social Credit speakers have been more vigorous in the defence of this deal than even the Liberals themselves.

I must point out, too, that the Social Credit members of parliament voted as enthusiastically as the Liberals to curtail and, indeed, to eliminate the democratic right of discussion on the clauses of the pipe line bill. But perhaps we should not find this too surprising in view of the fact that in the Olds by-election in 1950 the Social Credit premier of Alberta said that the opposition was just a nuisance. And even earlier the Social Credit board in Alberta recommended the abolition of the secret ballot and the abolition of political parties. Therefore, although we were disappointed we were not too surprised.

I know, of course, that the Social Credit group in the house of commons is the least effective group in parliament as far as the average person is concerned. This is not just my opinion—it is one held by press reporters and other observers many of whom have no political ties.

As well, it is almost a universal feeling that, man for man, the CCF group is the most effective of all in fighting for the farmer, for the worker in office or factory, for the small business men—and this opinion is given by people who could not by any stretch of the imagination be regarded as sympathetic to the CCF.

Accordingly, I have always felt how tragic it is that progressive-minded people are sometimes misled by the Social Credit label into thinking it represents something progressive and new and different when as a matter of fact it is, if possible, more closely tied to privileged interests, than the old-line parties themselves.

**BOX CARS**

We in the CCF have been fighting strongly for the distribution of box cars according to the democratic preference of the farmers. Surely there can be no possible objection to this. It is a perfectly valid principle. Yet, there is only one obstacle to that measure and that is the federal Liberal government backed as it is behind the scenes by the line-elevator companies.

We find, of course, that the Liberal party has been speaking out of both sides of its mouth on this question. In 1954, for instance, the Saskatchewan Liberal convention passed a resolution providing for the placing of box-cars at country elevators in accordance with the farmer's preference. In 1955 all the Liberal members in the legislature supported a CCF resolution urging the federal government to implement a box-car distribution that insures the farmer the right to deliver grain to the elevator of his choice.

But what do the Liberal members from Saskatchewan do once they get down to Ottawa and out of the reach of the western farmers? Do they follow the wishes of their constituents? Do they really mean what they say when they profess to support the policy which the CCF and farm organizations have endorsed? The record is clear. On Tuesday, June 14, of last year every Liberal member from Saskatchewan who was present, indeed, every Liberal member from the west, voted against a CCF amendment to distribute box-cars according to the preference of producers at that point.

I would have respect, although I would disagree, if the Liberal party would come out flatly and squarely and say that they favored the line-elevator companies. But I have nothing but scorn for a party that will take one stand provincially because they dare take no other and vote in the opposite way federally registering their real convictions there because they think they can get away with it. That is why I have never in my long years of public life been able to accept the claims and promises of the Liberal party at their face value.



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Elrose  
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Hanley  
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Kelvington  
maj.—593



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Kinistino  
maj.—1,044



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Last Mountain  
maj.—507



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maj.—591



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Milestone  
maj.—407



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Morse  
maj.—231



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Moose Jaw  
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Souris-Estevan  
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maj.—1,103



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Touchwood  
maj.—443

# THANKS, FRIENDS!

From **CARLYLE KING**  
Saskatchewan CCF  
Provincial President

On behalf of the provincial CCF officers and the provincial office staff, I want to thank the CCF workers in all constituencies for a magnificent job in the election campaign. I can't remember a campaign in which the constituencies worked as efficiently and co-operatively as they did this time. It was a pleasure to work with them.

Those who won deserve our heartiest congratulations, but so also the constituencies where we missed a victory, often by a very small margin. In some of these, the very finest job was done by devoted and self-sacrificing workers.

They deserved to win, and they gave of their best in the face of a horde of invaders who had money to spend like water. I

doubt if we have ever had a tougher battle. That we held the line with so few casualties is a tribute to the loyalty, determination, and courage of hundreds of CCF workers. Thanks to you all!



CARLYLE KING

## Keep The Record Straight

Opponents of the CCF have indulged in so much twisting of the truth in the Saskatchewan election campaign that it has been impossible for our weekly paper to keep abreast of the daily flood of untruths, half truths and misinterpretations. But we feel that it is important to our readers that we try to catch up as soon as possible in the following weeks and correct at least the worst of the misleading statements which have been made.

Typical of the kind of thing which has been said was a statement attributed to A. H. McDonald, which was corrected by John Wellbelove in a letter to the *Eston Press*. Mr. Wellbelove said:

I am informed that Mr. McDonald when addressing a meeting in *Eston* on Friday night referred to a speech of Premier Douglas entitled, "In Defence of Freedom". He referred to it as CCF propaganda, paid for by the public and printed by the "Queen's Printer." Mr. McDonald like myself, was a member of the legislative committee on public accounts and printing. That committee at its last meeting at the end of a session of the legislature authorizes the printing of speeches. On the government side of the house it is generally those of the premier we order printed. The opposition can have the speech of their leader printed at government expenses, and also the speech of their chief

financial critic.

It is reported by people present at the meeting that Mr. McDonald made the statement, that the printed speech, "In Defence of Freedom" was never made in the house at all.

If that statement was made, the most charitable interpretation that one can place on it is; that it is the statement of an irresponsible person. Mr. McDonald has in his possession the official report of Debates and Proceedings. This comprises every speech made in the legislature, recorded mechanically, transcribed by a Regina firm, and issued under the authority of Mr. Speaker. The premier's speech is recorded on page 21 of Volume No. 4 continuing again on page No. 1 of Volume No. 5 February 15, 1956, and ending on page 21.

It is a matter for regret that Mr. McDonald is indulging in personalities rather than giving the public facts regarding some of the rash promises he has made. Personalities always have been the resort of a desperate man.

## Furs Bring \$330,000 At Sask. Sale

REGINA—Pelts valued at \$330,000 were sold at the June 15 general sale held by the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Service, bringing total sales so far this season to \$1,220,000.

Adam J. Cooke, manager of the service, said highlight of the sale was strong active bidding for muskrat by American, European and Canadian accounts, and resulted in an extremely large offering selling at firm prices considering quality of pelts offered.

The next general sale to be held by the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Service is scheduled for July 13, with last receiving date June 28.



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# ALBERTA

## Railway Rates Up Despite Protests Of Provinces and C.F.A.

OTTAWA (CPA) — Canada's railways have been granted an interim freight rate increase which could net them a total of \$10 million within the next four months. The increase was granted by the board of transport commissioners after hearings on the railways' application for a 15 per cent general rate increase and a hike of 25 cents a ton on coal and coke were postponed until late September.

The rail companies are seeking a rise in freight rates which would give them an extra \$46,800,000 a year. This, they claim, is necessary in order to meet recent wage increases and other rising costs. The board ruled that the interim rate increase—believed to be about half the 15 percent asked—be allowed between July 1 and October 31, despite the protest of all provincial governments, excepting Ontario and Quebec, that neither temporary nor permanent increases be allowed.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has called the freight

rate increase "necessary and unreasonable."

In a submission filed with the board, CFA noted that the present failure of agriculture to share in the general Canadian prosperity means that further rate increases would impose on farmers an unfair and unreasonable burden.

Farmers, the C.F.A. submission emphasized, are the only group in the economy whose purchasing power and living standards have been declining while the rest of the economy is enjoying a prosperity boom.

The submission said that farmers not only could not pass on the burden of increased freight rates to consumers of farm products, but besides were relatively heavy users of transportation services. Increased freight rates place a double burden on the farmer because they reduce the price he receives for his products, and increase the prices of farm supplies and equipment.

Therefore, while opposing the granting of authorization for a general rate increase, the CFA also recommends that in any event rates on farm products should not be allowed to increase.

The present financial position of the C.P.R. taken as a whole was sound, the CFA claimed, and did not indicate a pressing need for further revenue—especially since such revenue would be obtained by imposing unfairly high charges on many classes of freight, and causing a further reduction in the railway's share of the freight business.

While recognizing that wage rates and material costs were increasing, the CFA thought the increase in efficiency of railway operations should be great enough to compensate for such increased costs.

Ninety-five per cent of Canada's 1954 output of electricity was generated from water power.

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### THE CHALLENGE TO CAPITALISM

Instead of joining in the chorus with capitalist propaganda, "that it ain't going to rain any more", Canadians had better listen to the weather man and take a look at the sky now and then.

Consumer debts are growing at an increased rate of speed. This is taking place even though war expenditures are high and investment is at its highest level in history. This growing consumer debt surely indicates that those who desire to buy do not have sufficient income, while others, who have been able to buy everything they want, still have enough money left to lend to the unfortunate have-nots at usury rates of interest. It is surely pertinent to ask a question or two of the economic optimists who still sing, "It ain't agoin' to rain no more depressions".

Here is one question for him to answer: Since our prolonged boom has already piled up a consumer debt amounting to \$2,212,000,000 or, including mortgages, \$850 per Canadian family, and since that debt is increasing each year, what will happen to the people so indebted if the boom never ceases to boom?

And another question is: Since the people cannot live on their incomes provided by the boom, how can they hope to pay their debts and to maintain their standards if the boom should happen to be a little less booming in the coming ten years than it has been in the past ten years? Will those with surplus incomes who now lend credit to consumers keep on lending their surplus without the hope of either interest or principal in return?

If that is the way capitalists intend to keep up an eternal boom they should make it known. If people, who are now doing without a lot of things they want because they are afraid of going into debt, were informed that they will never be expected to pay such debts, the boom would soon accelerate its rate of booming.

The daily press argues editorially that there never can be another depression; that socialist efforts in parliament have brought into use so many welfare cushions that the unemployed and the needy can sleep comfortably on them when jobs are scarce. These cushions, it is argued, are softer than the cold hard floor of a box car where many a job hunter tried to sleep in the hungry thirties. So far, so good. But no cushion can last forever. Cushions must be constantly supplied. They must come from the national factory of general prosperity. These so-called cushions might have been more aptly called crutches to be used to help the crippled victims of the industrial juggernaut to hobble around until their bones knit. Moreover, all these cushions or crutches, are now in use. They account in large measures for the so-called prosperity now being enjoyed. From welfare sources a billion dollars of purchasing power is being distributed to the Canadian consumers annually.

But welfare gratuities cannot be regarded as a sound basis for a prosperous economy. If these agencies had to be relied upon to prevent depressions, they would have to be greatly increased as the industrial machine slowed down. To be effective any anti-depression

## The Outrageous Section 98

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### A Reminiscence

By M. J. COLDWELL

Parliament was nearing prorogation in June, 1936, when, one evening as I sat behind our leader, I saw J. T. Thorson, Liberal member of parliament for Selkirk, Man., and now judge of the exchequer court, take his seat beside Mr. Woodsworth. He shook Mr. Woodsworth's hand and engaged in an animated conversation. They both laughed and seemed highly delighted about something.

The business of the house proceeded and I forgot the incident until, eleven o'clock having struck and the house having risen, I walked out with our leader into the opposition lobby.

There, I saw a well-known Canadian journalist who is still with his newspaper in Ottawa, come forward and again shake hands with Mr. Woodsworth and chat with him momentarily.

I had politely stepped aside, as good manners required, but when Mr. Woodsworth rejoined me, I said: "This is not your birthday! What is the occasion for all those handshakings?"

"Well," he said, "the senate has just approved the repeal of section 98 of the criminal code."

### SIGNIFICANT CONGRATULATIONS

The section had been enacted, and used, to deal with Mr. Woodsworth and his friends during the Winnipeg general strike of 1919.

But Mr. Woodsworth laughingly remarked to me: "You do not know the significance of these congratulations" (for such they were). "Mr. Thorson was, in 1919, a young lawyer in Winnipeg who had been engaged by the federal government to prosecute me after my arrest under charges laid under Section 98 of the criminal code. Mr. 'So and So', the journalist, was one of the two young returned soldiers who had custody of me when I was arrested. But (he said) you will never guess who the other young soldier was and (he added) if I tell you I hope you will not mention it to embarrass him for years to come."

The other returned soldier was a man whose name most of the readers of this anecdote would know well, for at the time he held a very high and important position in the CCF, in one of our provinces, and today occupies an even more important position, if that could be the case, in the service of the CCF government of Saskatchewan.

### OUTRAGEOUS LAW

The repeal of section 98 was a great victory, not only for Mr. Woodsworth and the labor movement, but for civil liberties and rights in Canada. It had been enacted to replace the war mea-

sures act of the first world war, which had disappeared on the conclusion of peace. Indeed, its provisions relating to unlawful association were almost identical with those of the wartime measure.

Mr. Woodsworth had opposed the section which gave the right to the police, not only to enter upon premises themselves, but to authorize any private citizen on mere suspicion to search the home of anyone in Canada merely because they suspected they might find literature which they regarded as objectionable. This, Mr. Woodsworth contended, was contrary to all principles of law the world over.

Section 98 enabled the police or the court to presume that a man was guilty of unlawful association, even if he were seen at a meeting of a so-called illegal association. If he could not prove that he was not guilty under section 98, he was liable to be sentenced to jail for twenty years, and to other penalties.

Section 98 was indeed, an outrageous peacetime enactment. I know nothing comparable to it on the statute books in any part of Canada today, except the notorious padlock law in the province of Quebec which, it should be added, should have been disallowed by the Liberal government of Canada.

### LONG CAMPAIGN

On the constant urgings of J. S. Woodsworth, Angus MacInnis and A. A. Heaps, section 98 of the criminal code had at long last been repealed by both houses of parliament and awaited only royal consent before cleansing our statute books of a piece of notorious legislation.

### TORIES OPPOSED

To complete the story, when the bill for its repeal was before the house on June 10, 1936, the Conservative party, through its leader, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, protested against the repeal and, as Hansard reports (page 3924), asked "the clerk at the table to record that the second reading of the bill was carried on division". In this manner Mr. Bennett, signified the opposition of his party to the removal of legislation which was a denial of a fundamental right and democratic justice, from the Canadian statutes.

### For Sure!

The lesson has not yet been learned in London that if its defensive policies cannot adjust themselves to the people's demands for national independence, then they are founded on shifting sands.

It is no use pointing your gun at your alleged enemy if the man behind you is plucking at your arm. You can kill him first, of course. Is that what is meant by the "defence of the free world"?

—Aneurin Bevan

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# MANITOBA

## An Open Letter To Manitoba CCFers

WINNIPEG.—Here in Manitoba where CCF prospects are extremely good for the next election, we are planning well in advance for the 1957 campaign. That is why we are holding as many nominating conventions as possible in 1956.

But there are about 20 constituencies, out of 57, where we are going to have to make a special effort, and where some outside assistance will be required. To secure the financial assistance necessary to help these newly-organized ridings we are setting up a trust fund for this purpose and this purpose alone. We call it The Manitoba CCF Election Trust

Fund, which is a rather cumbersome name, I admit, but it should do for banking purposes. However we have a slogan which is a bit snappier: "57 for '57". 57 candidates for '57. (As there are 57 seats this means we are aiming at a full slate.)

There are some special rules in connection with this fund:

1. No one will be permitted to contribute more than \$25, but on the other hand we are not asking for less than \$25. A flat \$25 donation!

2. The money will be deposited in a trust fund for the special purpose of giving assistance to the newly-organized constituencies. Three trustees have been named: Ed Smee, Monte Israels and myself. Monte is to act as treasurer.

3. The names of all contributors will be published from time to time in The Commonwealth unless a donor requests that no publicity be given.

4. Anyone finding it difficult to contribute \$25 personally, may collect from his friends for this purpose and issue official CCF receipts, but only donations of \$25

are to be made directly to the trust fund. A letter of thanks will be issued by the trustees.

At the CCF conference held recently at Clear Lake a dozen people pledged \$25 each and up to date six contributions have been made, making a total of \$150. I claimed the privilege, myself, of putting in the first \$25, and since then the following have

each paid \$25 into the fund: H. L. Ferriss, Swan River; Ralph Frith, Onanole; Mike Kibsey, Middlechurch; Carl Hamilton, national organizer, Ottawa; and Don Swailes, Winnipeg.

It is our intention to send out an appeal far and wide by letter, but it will save a lot of stamps if you take this as sufficient notice!

Send your \$25 to A. M. Israels, 509 Childs Bldg., Winnipeg; or to the undersigned at 334 Balfour Ave., Winnipeg.

Let us make it 57 for '57!

Lloyd Stinson,  
Manitoba CCF Leader.

## CCF Advance Will Follow Sacred Flop

By DON SWAILES

WINNIPEG, Man.—At time of writing the Big Gamble of Social Credit has flopped completely in New Brunswick. Every one of the Sacred candidates lost his deposit.

Tomorrow, the results of the Big Gamble in Saskatchewan will be known, and it's the writer's guess that Social Credit will be another flop. Premiers Bennett of B.C. and Manning of Alberta have promoted the Big Gamble more for the purpose of saving their own hides, than for becoming a national force.

Manning is slipping badly in Alberta, as is obvious from the last election results. The vast wealth of oil, which could have been used to benefit every citizen of Alberta, is being recklessly squandered with an unnecessary volume of wastage, for the benefit of a relatively few individuals, some of whom are not even Canadians. The ordinary farmer and city worker gets little or none of the new wealth.

The short life of the Bennett regime in B.C. has been marked by scandals, "give-aways" of natural resources to big business, and inefficiency in administration. The Sacred deflation in Saskatchewan will be another step toward oblivion.

## Automation Must Be Planned To Avoid Havoc

TORONTO (CPA).—If automation is not introduced into Canada in a manner which ensures that its benefits are shared by all, the depression of the 1930's will look "like a tea party" in comparison with the economic havoc that will be created, an autoworker told the 22nd annual convention of the Ontario CCF at the King Edward Hotel here.

Carrol Coburn, UAW assistant research director, said that automation was like any other tool which if used properly could lead to human betterment. If new technological processes are used merely to supply shareholders with maximum profits it can lead to unemployment and economic havoc, he declared in introducing a resolution calling for orderly development of automation to provide higher living standards.

The federal and provincial governments must assist displaced workers in transferring their efforts and skills from one job to another and from one industry to another and that the benefits of automotive processes are shared by all sections of society rather than increase the advantages of the few, he declared.

Fred Young, Toronto, said that the age of automation would magnify the need for better educational facilities. Only 2½ per cent of Canada's national income was being devoted to education, he declared, and this was one-half of the proportion which was being spent 20-25 years ago. "We must face the fact that if we are going into an automated age we must have people trained, not only to meet the challenges of their new jobs, but also to handle the increased leisure time that the new productive techniques can provide."

## Trade Union Directory

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International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, Milk Salesmen and Dairy Employees, Local 119—Room 7 Labor Temple. Phone 927 011. Pres. Murray Orchard, 301 Johnson Ave.; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Agent, E. Houle 165 James St. Meets 2nd Monday each month in the Labor Temple.

Winnipeg Photo Engravers, Local 37—President, W. Fitz; Secretary, Geo. Ulyatt, 35 Victory Place, St. Vital, Winnipeg 8, Man. Meets 4th Wednesday each month, in Labor Temple.

Printing Pressmen & Assistants Union No. 87 Int.—Pres., J. K. Taylor, 229 Rutland St., Sec.-Treas., T. H. Moore, Box 721, Winnipeg. Meets 1st Tuesday at the Labor Temple.

Winnipeg Allied Printing Trades Council—Meets first Wednesday of each month. Labor Temple, Pres., Jas. Bean; Sec., A. Beazley, 4 Labor Temple.

Typographical Union No. 191—Meets on the Friday before the last Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Alex. Mathieson, 311 Winchester Street, St. James; Sec. A. Beazley, Room 4, Labor Temple, Phone 92-3631.

R. R. Pipefitters and Helpers No. 479. Pres., J. Fitzgibbon, 624 Prince Rupert Ave., East Kildonan, Winnipeg; Sec. Cyril Brown, 111 Harbison Ave., Winnipeg. Meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Labor Temple.

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## Roundabout

WITH ED. SMEE

Several important matters came out of the discussion at the organizational conference at Frith's Ranch. The most momentous being CCF leader Stinson's plan to run a full slate of candidates in the election expected in 1957. Lloyd even supplied the outline of a program of financial assistance for some 27 candidates were we have little or no local organization. Lloyd was the most surprised when instead of criticism the conferring CCFers seized the idea as being excellent and with some modifications gave it unanimous recommendation. To have something unanimous at a CCF conference is also momentous.

This idea for the future will go under the slogan of "57 for '57" meaning the fund to win 57 seats in 1957. The touch is on now, and you may bring honor to yourself at any time by contributing \$25. Lloyd had over \$200 subscribed before he left the conference.

A second matter of importance arising from the conference is a plan to have all candidates well versed in the election act before voting date. Bus Paulley convinced the conference that Manitoba had suffered defeats in the past through lack of knowledge of this important document. Not only will a condensed condensation with reference be prepared for scrutineers, but earnest effort will be made to conduct a program of education amongst candidates well in advance of the election.

One other matter that was endorsed, which to me is important, is the idea of the conference. In years gone by, the idea of the

University was to have a gathering of learned people where students could come and mingle to learn through association with great men. Today education is too often a process of trying to pour the ideas of others into the heads of students, rather than a process of working ideas out with the counsel of great minds. The conference provides some of this atmosphere giving persons an opportunity to learn new ideas through association.

Next September I hope to see a gathering at Frith's Ranch, Onanole, interested in the idea of learning through discussion and association. For the want of a better name I am calling it the "Woodsworth Seminar". Attendance will be limited to 35 people and I now have four reservations. I don't even know who the leaders will be yet, but if you want to be one of the 35 lucky enough to attend, send me your name now. The seminar will operate on the co-op principle of service at cost.

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# CCF ACTION!

## MAN.

### Gimli Constituency Meets, June 29

A meeting of members of Gimli constituency has been called for Friday, June 29, to be held in the municipal hall, at Arborg, 8 p.m. standard time.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss early nomination of a candidate to contest the constituency in the next provincial election.

Lloyd Stinson MLA provincial leader of the CCF will be guest speaker at the meeting, and will give his assistance in discussion on early nomination.

### Swan River Has Active Organization

The CCF has launched an active campaign to organize the Swan River constituency. Swan River has been assigned to organizational work in each area:

Neil Wright: Benito, Alpine, Durban.

H. Vopni: Thunderhill, Kenville, Harlington.

Alvin Mitchell: Pretty Valley, Shaw, Lidstone.

Hilliard Ferris: Lenswood, Briarly Hall, Bowsman, Birch River.

George Hunt: Crestview, Big Woody, Little Woody, McVey, Swan Valley, Trout Creek, Lady Hubble, Lancaster.

Steve Einarson and George Henderson: Minitonas, Renwer, Duncanville, Cowan, Ravensworth.

J. D. Deorksen: Town of Swan River.

This is a good example of the right way to go about organizing a district to win an election. Eventually a small committee will be set up for every single polling district in the constituency.

The next step will be the setting up of the organization to get every last one of the CCF supporters to the polling booths on election day.

Present intention is for Swan River to hold a nominating convention on Wednesday, July 18.

Swan River is just one of the many constituencies which will be represented by a CCF'er in the next legislature.

## SASK.

### Bengough Convention

A successful CCF convention was held June 13 at Bengough with 85 per cent of the delegates present. The registration was ably taken care of by Mrs. M. Torklson, Mrs. Samulson, and Mrs. M. McEwen. The memberships were in the capable hands of Gil Torklson and L. Prowse.

Tickets were sold in the hall by Glen Torklson and I. Heydal for a supper prepared by the ladies of the Canadian Legion which was

thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A short address was given by A. S. Brown, M.L.A. followed by a talk by Hazen Argue, M.P.

A number of resolutions were put before the convention and passed. The new constituency committee was appointed and the provincial council member will be Mrs. E. Gorius.

Delegates for the provincial convention are: Roger Rasmusson, Joe Havy, Wm. Surdia, Mrs. Cora Lufso, Fred Nord, Mary Dexter, Mrs. E. Muldoon, Everett Skogstad, Lois Hendrickson and B. C. Padfield.

Delegates for the CCYM are Glen Torklson, Mrs. G. Torklson, Rodney Dohman, Jim Barton Jr., Ronald Skogstad, Betty Barton, John Martin, Wally McDonald, Jackie Samulson, and Elvin Kyle.

A packed hall heard the addresses in the evening by Allan Brown and Hazen Argue.

Reported by  
Mrs. Ethel Skogstad  
and Mrs. Ann Larson

### Cannington Convention

A most enthusiastic rally and convention was held at Kenosee Lake, on Saturday, June 3. Chairmen for the day were Clarence Hookenson and Ralph Hjertaas with Fred Easton acting as secretary.

George Doty, campaign manager, reviewed the campaign for the preceding three weeks stating that meetings had been enthusiastic and asked for more volunteers to canvass during the last eight days of the campaign. Seven zone managers reported for their areas.

Miss Anita Hoffley spoke on behalf of the CCYM and of the financial assistance given by the province to students to further their education.

Gordon Sawyer, also appealed for more canvassers to help cover the constituency. The following men were appointed to help: Wm. Slykhuis, C. Hookenson, E. Christopher, C. Cann, H. Workman, R. Hjertaas, J. Eaton and G. Osborne.

Ed McCullough, MP for Moose Mountain gave an inspiring address urging the people to get out and support the CCF, the only political party that ever kept faith with the people and carried out its promises. Norman Wallace, returning officer, outlined the changes in poll boundaries and explained the term "absentee voter".

William Hartley, of Mission City, B.C., who is holidaying in Saskatchewan, spoke briefly on conditions in B.C. under a Social Credit government. Magnus Eliason, provincial organizer, spoke on organization and sparked the financial appeal which netted \$600 in memberships and donations before the day was over.

The new executive is as follows: George Doty, president; C. Hookenson, F. Easton, J. Eaton, G. Osborne, G. Brownbridge, R. Scoriah, R. Hjertaas, Mrs. B.

Morrow, William Duncan, A. Adams and A. Brandow.

Delegates appointed to attend the provincial convention on July 18, 19 and 20, are: G. Doty, G. Sawyer, G. Brownridge, P. White, B. Cameron, Mrs. E. McCullough, C. Hookenson and C. Cann.

George Doty again was the unanimous choice of the convention for councillor.

### Kinistino CCF Convention

June 8 was a big day for the Kinistino CCF who held their convention in Kinistino Legion Hall and were later addressed by Premier T. C. Douglas at a public meeting on behalf of M.L.A. Henry Begrand.

About fifty per cent of the polls were represented at the convention which heard Mr. Begrand and Mr. Opseth give reports on constituency activities. The constituency executive was re-elected with a few added members and the entire committee formed the executive.

Representatives on the committee are taken from every zone. The president is Palmer Grambo, Domremy; vice-president, W. J. Adams, Ethelton, sec-treasurer, Mrs. H. Baudais, Domremy; councillor, O. H. Opseth, Hagen.

Several resolutions were passed and will be sent to head office for presentation at the annual convention.

Over eight hundred people crowded in to hear Premier Douglas at the evening meeting which also heard Mr. Begrand and former M.L.A., W. J. Boyle. The convention and meeting were considered to be huge successes.

Reported by,  
Mrs. H. Baudais.

### Milestone CCF Convention

A large and representative number of delegates and visitors assembled in the Memorial Hall at Avonlea for the CCF annual Milestone constituency convention, Thursday, June 14.

Paul Helstrom gave the constituency report and L. D. Nelson, president of the convention called for reports and resolutions from the various polls for the consideration of the meeting. Bruce Wilson, campaign manager gave his report and business details relating to his work.

Hazen Argue, M.P. reported on CCF activities in Ottawa.

Two minutes' silence was observed in honor of three late members and valued workers in the CCF movement, P. G. Bradley, E. Dunn and W. V. Bingaman.

The evening meeting was given over to two speakers, M. Eltinson, lifetime CCF worker from B.C. and Walter Erb, M.L.A.

Reported by,  
Mrs. B. T. Nelson.

### Souris-Estevan Convention

On Monday, June 11, 85 delegates and 12 visitors representing 37 polls met in Oxbow Legion Hall for their annual Souris-Estevan CCF convention. Jack Reid, constituency president, called the convention to order and after the adoption of the agenda, convention officials were appointed. Ron Galloway and Chas. Cummings were appointed convention chairmen, while Mrs. Macky and Mrs. M. Lindyn were the convention secretaries. In presenting the president's report Jack Reid stated that perhaps the most important business of the year had been the choosing of our candidate, Kim Thorson. Sec-Treas. Mrs. Macky and council member Alex Olson also gave reports.

Our Candidate, Kim Thorson, spoke briefly to the convention.

He gave reasons for having a CCF movement, quoting the late Mr. J. S. Woodsworth when he said, "the things we want for ourselves are the things we want for our neighbors."

Ed McCullough, M.P. for Moose Mountain, brought greetings from Ottawa and outlined some of the things which our CCF group down there have been fighting for. He pointed out the stand taken by CCF and Liberals on such matters as assistance for the Sask. dam, cash advances, box cars, parity prices, assistance for education and grants for roads and highways. In every case the Liberals voted against these things.

Elwood Good was elected president while retiring president Jack Reid became the new council member.

Newton Reed, chairman of the resolutions committee, submitted a number of very interesting resolutions which brought forth some very lively discussion.

Oxbow CCF Ladies club are to be congratulated on the very fine supper, which was served cafeteria style, to the delegates and visitors at the close of the meeting.

**PUBLIC MEETING IN EVENING**

Kim Thorson and Ed McCullough were the speakers at an evening public meeting at which Wm. Shieman acted as chairman. During the course of his remarks Kim Thorson said that the Liberals still had no positive plan, other than to kick the CCF out of office—but people like a positive plan, he said and the CCF have such a plan and know it can be carried out.

Mr. McCullough described this session of parliament as a most important one as there have been tremendous issues at stake. He pointed out that the CCF group down there are "for" rather than "against" and offered constructive opposition. As an example he stated the stand they had taken on such matters as the price of wheat, parity prices, bank loans, and cash advances. He also pointed out the attitude of Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Gardiner, C. D. Howe and Walter Tucker toward these issues.

The hottest debate of the session of course came when the pipeline issue came before the house, with Liberal and Socreds lined up against the Conservatives and CCF. Mr. McCullough described how they broke the rules of the house—denied members the democratic right to speak.

They moved closure (a measure to gag the opposition) which has been very rarely used in Canada. They held sittings as long as 14 hours in order to bulldoze the bill through and Mr. McCullough told of the tremendous strain placed upon members. One man died, others collapsed and were taken to hospital. It got so bad that even the Liberal press accused them of dictatorship. Don't ever let this sort of thing get into Saskatchewan warned Mr. McCullough, in closing.

Reported by  
Kathleen M. Vanstone

**HE DID!**

Regina Liberal candidate Les Sherman told this story about running mate Alex Jupp at a Liberal meeting Monday June 18. It seems that Mr. Jupp had been talking with an elderly lady for some little while and had thought he had the situation well under control. Suddenly the little lady brightened up and said: "Well, you carry on young man, keep up the good work and I hope you beat those Liberals."

## Cutknife Convention

MAIDSTONE, Sask.—The CCF of Cutknife constituency held its annual convention in Maidstone June 13. There was good attendance and most of the polls were represented.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Claude Ellis. Mrs. Pay Grant of Wilbert acted as secretary-treasurer, Clifford Nichol of Marsden was in charge of the credentials committee and Guy Cayford, John Cuthbert and Dave Patmore prepared resolutions and constitutional amendments.

The president paid tribute to the work of campaign manager Allan Benson who had done so much on behalf of the Cutknife candidate. Mrs. Grant, the provincial council member, gave an excellent report of the council's two conferences at Regina and their aims and accomplishments. Their problems were difficult to solve but they had great faith in their organization. The CCYM reported an increased membership and that they were free of debt.

Hon. I. C. Nollet then gave his report of a year of hard work and grave responsibilities which, he said, had had most gratifying results. The election campaign had been strenuous but the CCF anticipated victory. A feeling of optimism had prevailed throughout the convention.

Five resolutions were brought forward and duly discussed.

Delegates from each district were nominated for the annual provincial convention to be held in Saskatoon in July. Dave Patmore was elected member of the provincial council.

In the evening, Mr. Nollet addressed a well-attended meeting in the Maidstone theatre

Reported by  
Mrs. A. Wells

### This Week Regina Convention

All officers and interested CCF'ers are urged to be on hand early at the second meeting this week of the Regina constituency CCF convention.

Registration will take place at 730 Thursday June 28 in the Odd Fellows Hall, 2080 Rae Street. The first meeting was on Monday this week.

Those attending are urged to have their resolutions ready for reading by the chairman.

Harold Livergant is chairman of the credentials committee, and Ernie Humble will chair the resolutions committee.

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## Mel.-Tisdale Convention

STAR CITY, Sask.—The annual CCF constituency convention for Melfort-Tisdale was held at Star City, Thursday, June 14. Cliff Whiting was chairman of the convention and Mrs. T. H. Armstrong was secretary.

Forty-seven delegates representing twenty-nine polls were present. Gordon South, D. Vansickle and A. Moggy made up the credentials committee while Art Driver, Jehn Samilitski and Cecil Gordon were on the resolutions committee. Mrs. M. L. Smith was press representative.

Reports by executive officials showed a fairly successful year with over 300 paid up members. George Willis MLA reported that most of the polls had been visited by Alex Bryson MP, Percy Wright and himself during the election campaign.

Alex Bryson addressed the convention speaking on farm problems and the pipeline controversy.

The constituency executive for 1956-57 will be: president, Walter Schmidt; vice-president, Dave Vansickle; executive committee, George Willis, Alex Bryson, Gordon South, Cliff Whiting and Wes Eastman.

Dave Vansickle was elected by acclamation as councillor.

Delegates to the provincial convention are Howard Hayward, Sam Broudy, Peter Imaskewski, Joe Turnquist, Harry Shinn, Mrs. McCoshen, Clarence Corby, John Wirth, Len McCoshen and William Stewart.

A public meeting was held in the evening with Robert Strachan, CCF leader in B.C., and George Willis, addressing a large audience.

Reported by  
Mrs. M. L. Smith

## Watrous CCF Convention

An enthusiastic group of workers gathered in the parish hall at Meacham on June 13 for the annual convention of the Watrous constituency CCF.

Besides the usual business of the annual meeting of delegates, which was disposed of in short order, there was the impending election to occupy their attention. The secretary was kept on the hop signing receipts for campaign fund contributions and memberships brought in by poll workers from all parts of the constituency, and a gratifying amount was added to the sinews of war. It is rumoured that he had to be provided with an armed guard on his departure.

The CCF candidate, Hon. James A. Darling, gave a brief report on the last legislative session, and was confident that on June 20 the CCF would be returned to power on the basis of their past performance, and on their record of carrying out every item on the program submitted to the voters at

the last and previous elections. A welcome guest was Robert Strachan, leader of the CCF opposition in B.C., who brought greetings from CCF supporters in the coast province.

The hall was filled to capacity for the evening meeting, when Mr. Darling reviewed the CCF program for prosperity to be implemented during the government's next term of office. Mr. Strachan gave a graphic description of conditions in British Columbia under Social Credit, and warned that if Social Credit ever formed a government in Saskatchewan we could expect a handing over of the province's natural resources to exploiters, and the abandonment of the social security measures our CCF government had given us.

The delegates appointed the following as the executive committee for the present year: president, H. Broten of Viscount; vice-president, M. Petryshyn, Colonsay; Secretary-Treasurer, E. M. Greaves, Renown; provincial council members, G. K. Smith of Zelma, and Art Eley, Colonsay, Alex Hassen of Dana, and John Larson, Young. Catering for the convention was capably handled by the Ukrainian Ladies' society of Meacham.

Reported by,  
E. M. Greaves.

## PAMPHLET PARADE

By EDITH FOWKE  
New Pensions For The Old:  
Brian Abel-Smith and Peter Townsend. 25c.

A couple of years ago Brian Abel-Smith wrote "The Reform of Social Security", one of the best pamphlets to appear on the socialist approach to the whole question of social insurance. Now he has followed it up with a more specific treatise on the problem of old age pensions. Again, his facts and figures are British, but his approach is basic to any socialist program in any country. His thesis is that "through the state the retired should receive an income as of right sufficient for their support without other means". He criticizes the current tendency toward a below-subsistence pension to be supplemented by means-test assistance, and he raises again the socialist demand for real security for all.

Order from Woodsworth House, 565 Jarvis St., Toronto.

Edith Fowke

## Sask. Oil

REGINA.—Nine Saskatchewan oil wells were reported as new producers during the week ending June 15, according to the weekly drilling and land report issued by the department of mineral resources' statistics division.

As of June 15, there were 1,845 oil wells and 137 gas wells capable of being operated.

## Unofficial Results Of Sask. Election

The following were the most complete figures on the Saskatchewan election results which were available on Friday morning.

**Athabaska:** Vote deferred until July because of the late spring breakup in the far north.

**Arm River** (38 polls complete): Danielson (L) 2,324; Haver (SC) 1,233; Lockwood (CCF) 2,127.

**The Battlefords:** (complete 50 polls) Dyck (L) 2,244; Klippenstein (SC) 864; Kramer (CCF) 3,969.

**Bengough** (53 polls complete): Asbell (L) 2,248; Bailey (SC) 1,283; Brown (CCF) 2,516.

**Biggar** (58 of 60 polls): Freeman (L) 1,661; Lloyd (CCF) 3,109; Maybuck (SC) 751.

**Cannington** (51 polls complete): Housworth (SC) 1,260; McCarthy (L) 3,812; Sawyer (CCF) 2,666.

**Canora** (Complete 46 polls): Fenski (SC) 517; Kuziak (CCF) 3,504; Palxin (L) 3,272.

**Cumberland** (35 of 41 polls): Berezowsky (CCF) 1,906; Goddue (SC) 813; Sanderson (L) 1,450.

**Cutknife** (37 of 51 polls): Nollet (CCF) 2,259; Phillips (SC) 1,066; Powers (L) 1,444.

**Elrose** (46 of 58 polls): Hay (L) 1,554; Powell (SC) 911; Willis (CCF) 2,963.

**Gravelbourg** (Complete 52 polls): Coderre (L) 2,396; Hoshowsky (SC) 918; Walker (CCF) 2,239.

**Hanley** (Complete 45 polls): Ebert (SC) 1,651; Pascoe (L) 1,917; Svoboda (PC) 270; Walker (CCF) 2,608.

**Humboldt** (Complete 45 polls): Batten (L) 3,092; Burton (CCF) 2,929; Thauberger (SC) 2,059.

**Kelsey** (64 of 65 polls): Brockelbank (CCF) 2,967; Claypool (SC) 1,960; Wheaton (L) 1,773.

**Kelvington** (47 of 48 polls): Halyk (L) 2,065; Howe (CCF) 2,658; Muller (SC) 1,905.

**Kerrobert-Kindersley** (79 of 82 polls): Clark (L) 2,164; Francisco (SC) 1,491; Johnson (CCF) 2,806.

**Kinistino** (50 of 52 polls): Begrand (CCF) 2,888; Mantyka (L) 1,672; Rowed (SC) 1,844.

**Last Mountain** (complete 55 polls): Brown (CCF) 2,911; Holfield (L) 2,404; Kelln (SC) 2,223.

**Lumsden** (complete 59 polls): Gamelin (SC) 1,447; Grad (L) 1,683; Haggerty (PC) 333; Thurston (CCF) 2,108.

**Maple Creek** (complete 83 polls): Benjamin (CCF) 2,371; Cameron (L) 2,630; Herle (SC) 2,197.

**Meadow Lake** (41 of 51 polls): Dunfield (L) 1,251; Warick (CCF) 1,261; Weber (SC) 1,998.

**Melfort-Tisdale** (Complete 57 polls): Clackson (L) 1,249; Reynolds (SC) 2,905; Willis (CCF) 3,496.

**Melville** (complete 50 polls): Brown (CCF) 3,547; Dohms (SC) 1,529; Gardiner (L) 3,716; Peters (PC) 182.

**Milestone** (51 of 54 polls): Erb (CCF) 2,731; Geib (SC) 1,168; Murphy (L) 2,324.

**Morse** (32 polls complete): Burgess (L) 2,267; Gibson (CCF) 2,495; Pelzer (SC) 1,102.

**Moose Jaw City** (2 members) (71 polls complete): Davies (CCF) 6,088; Hemming (CCF) 6,273; Lillico (Ind) 4,182; McConnell (PC) 910; Moffat (L) 3,412; Rogers (Ind) 215; Smith (SC) 2,176; Vail (SC) 1,999.

**Moosomin** (complete 63 polls): McDonald (L) 3,501; Swanson (CCF) 2,386; Thomas (SC) 1,953.

**Ninawin** (31 of 44 polls): MacNutt (L) 1,170; Morrow (CCF) 1,782; Nicholson (SC) 2,432.

**Notulen-Willowbunch** (52 of 54 polls): Lautermilch (CCF) 2,392; Klein (L) 2,479; McIvor (SC) 1,224.

**Pelly** (41 of 51 polls): Barrie (L) 3,061; Feusi (CCF) 2,571; Horocholyn (SC) 497.

**Prince Albert** (65 of 66 polls): Harradence (L) 3,017; McIntosh (CCF) 4,937; Martin (SC) 2,583.

**Qu'Appelle-Wolseley** (complete 73 polls): Hunt (PC) 813; McFarlane (L) 3,071; Mildenberger (SC) 1,961; Wahl (CCF) 2,943.

**Redberry** (64 of 65 polls): Korchinski (L) 2,463; Postnikoff (SC) 860; Zipchen (CCF) 2,319.

**Regina City** (3 members) 195 of 200 polls): Clarke (Lab-Prog.) 352; Cooper (CCF) 19,630; Fines (CCF) 18,847; Hammond (SC) 9,360; Hunt (SC) 9,139; Jupp (L) 10,607; Mullin (SC) 9,319; Riffle (L) 10,090; Sherman (L) 10,576; Williams (CCF) 20,987.

**Rosthern** (complete 41 polls): Carr (L) 1,962; Elias (SC) 2,803; Horne (CCF) 1,762.

**Roseown** (54 of 61 polls): Douglas (CCF) 2,820; Hammell (SC) 885; McGregor (L) 1,535.

**Salcoats:** (complete 43 polls): Loptson (L) 2,949; Lukiwiski (CCF) 2,540; Wagner (SC) 1,428.

**Saskatoon** (2 members) (128 of 157 polls): Bowman (PC) 1,615; Fernets (SC) 2,603; Graham (L) 4,074; Hamilton (PC) 2,568; Heggie (L) 4,412; Lynn (Lab-Prog) 83; Soberg (SC) 2,733; Stone (CCF) 10,267; Sturdy (CCF) 10,541.

**Shaunavon** (81 of 84 polls): Bentley (CCF) 2,977; Hunter (SC) 1,225; Larocheille (L) 2,409.

**Shellbrook** (complete 72 polls): Beilhartz (SC) 1,775; Cuelenacre (L) 1,849; Thiessen (CCF) 2,445.

**Souris-Estevan** (complete 57 polls): Cinnamon (L) 3,165; Gue-tafson (SC) 1,095; Kohaly (PC) 2,053; Thorson (CCF) 3,739.

**Swift Current** (100 of 101 polls): Dahl (L) 3,057; Miller (SC) 2,530; Wood (CCF) 4,284.

**Tonchwood** (56 of 57 polls): Crawford (L) 2,140; Meakes (CCF) 2,567; Ormiston (PC) 216; Wowk (SC) 1,710.

**Turtleford** (45 of 48 polls): Coxson (SC) 1,004; Foley (L) 2,119; Wooff (CCF) 2,117.

**Wadena** (complete 38 polls): Dewhurst (CCF) 3,255; Rederko (L) 2,494; Schmor (SC) 1,318.

**Watrous** (46 of 48 polls): Darling (CCF) 2,682; Schwinghamer (SC) 1,074; Storey (L) 1,830.

**Weyburn** (complete 57 polls): Douglas (CCF) 4,633; Froese (SC) 1,000; Staveley (L) 4,016.

**Wilkie** (50 of 58 polls): Horsman (L) 3,262; Leeson (SC) 1,288; Onerheim (CCF) 2,438.

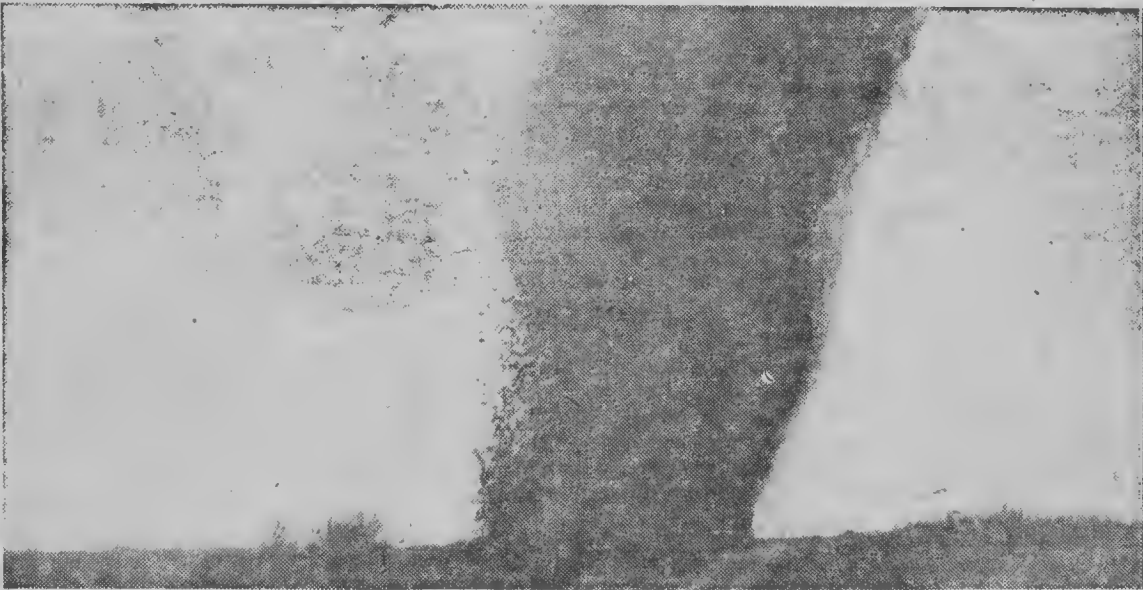
**Yorkton** (60 polls complete): Arndt (SC) 2,135; Neibrandt (CCF) 3,529; Novak (L) 3,160.

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## Colombo Plan Students In Sask.

REGINA.—Three overseas visitors, two from India and one from Egypt, are currently studying in Saskatchewan.

S. Y. Muthuswamy, assistant-secretary of state for the government of Travancore, India, and E. N. Shahin, technical secretary of the finance committee, National Production Council of Egypt, are spending two months in this province, studying industrial development techniques, with the Industrial Development Office and other agencies of the provincial government.

V. S. Shevade, a resident electrical engineer from India is studying rural electrification with the Saskatchewan Power Corporation. He will remain in the province till late in the year.

Mr. Muthuswamy and Mr. Shevade are visiting Canada under the auspices of the Colombo Plan, while Mr. Shahin is here under a United Nations fellowship.

The three men were referred to Saskatchewan for study by the technical co-operation service of the federal department of trade and commerce, Ottawa, which directs overseas technical visitors to the various governments and agencies in Canada where there is opportunity for study.

In Saskatchewan, the Economic, Advisory and Planning Board functions as the agency for the co-ordination of all such training programs in the province.

## Norway Cuts Accidents

OSLO (CPA)—A nation-wide safety campaign launched in Norway eleven months ago is beginning to pay dividends in a sharp reduction of accidents among workers.

A survey of iron and metal working plants since the campaign was started indicates that accidents have been reduced by as much as 50 per cent while the poorest improvements made showed a drop of 27 percent in accidents.

Part of the plan for safety during working hours consists of an intensive course for industrial safety officers organized by the Norwegian industrial safety council under the sponsorship of the European productivity agency.

Industrial accidents have been costing Norway an average of more than \$70,000,000 a year in the past. Every year there are 20,000 accidents involving a loss of 12,000 working days. This loss represents \$15,000,000 in wages and about \$30,000,000 each in production and ruined materials.

## OBU Joins CLC

OTTAWA (CPA)—The One Big Union, well-known labor organization centered in the Winnipeg area, has completed affiliation arrangements which will make it part of the 1,018,000-member Canadian Labour Congress, the CLC has announced.

The CLC merger convention approved the affiliation of the 5,000-member industrial union group on the condition that within two years its membership joined the national or international unions covering their work jurisdiction. The OBU was composed of deliverymen, civic employees, railway shopmen and street railwaymen in Winnipeg and nearby centres.

It was formed in 1919 by unionists from the four western provinces formerly affiliated with the Trades and Labor Congress who advocated union organization on craft rather than industrial lines. During the 1920s it reported a peak membership of 50,000 and its affiliated organizations were

located as far apart as Montreal and Vancouver.

In 1927 it became part of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor— forerunner of the Canadian Congress of Labor—but left the CCL in 1936 and affiliated with the revived Canadian Federation of Labor. It cut its ties with the CFL in 1940 and since that time has remained independent.

A referendum of OBU members taken early this year showed overwhelming support for affiliation with the new Canadian Labor Congress and the CLC merger convention welcomed the One Big Union into its ranks.

## Co-operators Support National Health Plan

ST. JOHN, N.B. (CNS)—Voluntary health insurance plans should be gradually replaced by an overall national health plan that meets the needs of all the people, Alexander Laidlaw, associate director of the extension department of St. Francis Xavier University, told delegates to the Canadian medical care conference here recently.

In a discussion on the place of medical co-operatives in a complete health plan, Mr. Laidlaw said while the architects of a national plan can learn much from co-operative practice, "all forms of voluntary insurance can, at best, be regarded as intermediate or temporary steps towards a national service".

Mr. Laidlaw, a prominent co-operator, stressed that he was not appearing at the conference as an official representative of the co-ops but the views he was expounding were those of many fellow co-operators. He said that today there was no 'private' health and all health, whether good or bad is public health. The ideal situation he envisaged was "comprehensive medical care of high quality for every Canadian. Nothing less than this is in keeping with the dignity of Canadian citizenship and with the high ideals and vast resources of this vigorous young nation", he said.

The introduction of a health plan "nation-wide in application but decentralized in administration and practice . . . may well prove to be the deciding factor in building here a strong nation and a great people".



### CCIL SALES TOP \$41 MILLION IN TEN YEARS

SASKATOON (CUC).—Sales of the prairie farm implement co-op Canadian Co-operative Implements Ltd., in the ten year period from 1946-55 exceeded \$41 million, the CCIL directors' report for 1955 indicated. In 1955, the 60,000-member co-op recorded sales of \$3,083,000, an increase of 14 per cent over the previous year.

In a report to the annual meeting, the directors revealed that in the years 1946-53 inclusive, total savings by CCIL amounted to \$4,777,000. Of this amount, \$1,575,000 as paid in cash dividends to member-customers and \$2,833,000 in shares and loan certificates.

President John B. Brown, Winnipeg, was re-elected for a further term as were Vice-Presidents D. Downing, Saskatoon; W. J. Harper, Edmonton; and J. A. Cuddy, Sandford, Man.



JUNE 1942

A leadership school for CCF leaders was to be held from July 6 to 11, at Crystal Lake, Saskatchewan. Professor Bunce of Iowa State College lectured at the camp school in the morning and afternoon and informal discussions led by CCF M.P.'s were held in the evening. All M.P.'s, MLA's campaign managers, organizers, etc. were invited to the camp school.

JUNE 1946

Premier T. C. Douglas issued a challenge to the Liberal party of Saskatchewan to a public debate on the provincial government's record. He challenged any spokesman of the Liberal party to a public meeting to be held at Halvorange, June 25. Mr. Douglas said he would be especially pleased if a Mr. Culliton of the Liberals, who had spent so much time questioning the premier's veracity, could find it convenient to be present. He added that he did not expect the gentleman to appear at the meeting.

JUNE 1946

The June 27 by-election in Morse gave the people of that Constituency a chance to express their opinions on government policy. James Gibson made an appeal to Morse constituents to recognize the achievements of the government of Saskatchewan by recording a vote for the CCF.

"On the one hand," said Mr. Gibson, "you have the chance to vote for the old outmoded capitalist parties which support a system that depends upon the enslavement of the many for the enrichment of the few. On the other hand, the splendid achievements of the CCF government in its first two years in office are well known. Study these carefully and I think you will agree that the CCF has already accomplished more for the people than any other government we have had in the past."

JUNE 1951

CCF leader M. J. Coldwell had presented a CCF plan to stop inflation. He told the house of Commons that the federal government's policies to check inflation had been a dismal failure.

Mr. Coldwell told the government that if strikes developed as a result of labor's efforts to protect itself against inflation, the blame for the loss of production, would rest squarely with the federal government. He said the government could have saved \$170,000,000 on Canada's defence production in 1951 had the government imposed price controls a year previous, before the Korean war had broken out.

He asked for the re-imposition of price controls at the earliest possible date on the basic necessities of life, the re-institution of comprehensive rent controls, a renewal of the subsidies on butter, milk, feed grains, cotton and wool, and the closure of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange to end the speculation in all foodstuffs.

JUNE 1951

The Saskatchewan minister of natural resources announced new regulations governing the development and production of oil in the province. Hon. J. H. Brockelbank said the new regulations would greatly encourage exploration by providing for a long term, low acreage rental during the exploration period. The permittee would also be protected by the leasing of a generous area around the discovery well.

## Farm Young People Meet July 4 to 7

Saskatchewan's second Farm Young People's Week, open to all farm young people between 18 and 30, will be held at Valley Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, July 4-7. Mrs. Yvonne Quick, junior president of the Saskatchewan Farmers Union, announced on her return from Farm Young People's Week in Alberta.

In Alberta, Farm Young People's Week consists of classes held at the university, which mainly take the form of short courses in agriculture for the boys and home economics for the girls.

In Saskatchewan, Mrs. Quick pointed out, "our Farm Young People's Week is geared to promote leadership by providing periods for buzz sessions and discussion after each speaker. She added, "Our program is not set up to teach young people how to farm, but how they can effectively deal with the many problems facing the young farmer of today. Problems of farm management, marketing, credit, the philosophy and practice of co-operation, policies of the farm union, wheat pool, and vocational agriculture associations, are the main topics on the agenda, and development of leadership and personal skills is stressed throughout."

This year, the specialists who will attend Saskatchewan's Farm Young People's Week include Dr. K. A. H. Buckley, associate professor of economics, University of Saskatchewan, who will speak on farm economics and assistance to young farmers; J. W. Clarke, agriculture supervisor, Kindersley School Unit, whose topics will be vocational agriculture and farm management. W. A. Robbins, secretary-manager, Saskatchewan Co-operative Superannuation Society, will review the philosophy and practice of co-operation and the

various types of co-ops; and Gordon Campbell, director Adult Education Division, Saskatchewan Department of Education, and J. A. Collier, public relations officer, Saskatchewan government, will assist in leadership practice sessions, public speaking, and public relations.

In addition to the study sessions, time is allotted for outdoor activities—including swimming in nearby Echo Lake, golf, softball, volleyball, and singsongs and dancing in the evening.

## More Grants For Hospitals

REGINA.—Three hospital construction grants amounting to \$53,800 have been approved by the Saskatchewan department of public health, according to an announcement by Health Minister T. J. Bentley.

Mr. Bentley said a grant of \$33,000 will assist St. Peter's Hospital, Melville in increasing its bed capacity from 44 to 70. The extension, which will cost an estimated \$260,500 will greatly improve the hospital's essential service areas, including surgery, obstetrical, clinical laboratory, X-ray etc.

A grant of \$17,500 is being made to assist the Brock union hospital board at Arcola to construct an extension to the current hospital building. The extension, to cost an estimated \$90,000 will increase the hospital's bed capacity from 13 to 20 beds and will markedly improve the essential service areas, as well as providing space for all patients to be cared for on one floor.

The third grant, totalling \$3,300 is being made toward the construction of a health centre at Carlyle. The new centre will provide a doctor's office and waiting area, examining rooms, and laboratory and X-ray services.

Mr. Bentley said the first two grants are contingent upon matching amounts from the federal government under the national health grants program.

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## Money and Interest

It is astonishing how indifferent people are to what is taking place in the world today. They don't just seem to realize that a great revolution is going on under our noses. During the past 2,000 years evolution has almost stood still, but now we are entering a great new scientific age that will last another 2,000 years. We are now about to begin the task of abolishing wars, ignorance, superstition, greed and selfishness in earnest.

It seems the two great wars began it.

This new scientific age is going to take a close look into every cherished ideal of the past 2,000 years, and whatever proves of no use in this war against ignorance, greed and selfishness will be thrown overboard.

One of the first to go will be poverty of the masses. This will have to be brought about through revolutionary ideas affecting trade and commerce in all its branches.

Take for instance the matter of interest that people pay on bank loans, bonds, personal loans, on which there seems to be no limit on the amount charged. First we will try to understand what money is. What does one dollar represent? It certainly is not gold or silver, because the banks will not exchange gold for a dollar bill. They will just give you credit for one dollar. So one dollar is nothing more than an idea in your imagination. It is pure fiction. Then why should this feigned, fictional dollar demand the payment of annual interest?

Some years ago we made the acquaintance of a man who stated he had such investments in property that the interest on the interest provided him with such a large income that he could not spend it all, even though he enjoyed a better living than the average man.

This is a subject the writer would like to see discussed more in The Commonwealth. Why cannot the CCF government or any government try to do something about it? We need more schools, hospitals, and universities, and scholarships for the most intelligent of our young people. How about interest free loans? We have the opinion this could be arranged, and the actual clerical work in accounting for the payments should be a small matter. Let us hear more about it.

H. J. W. Lipsett,  
Barons, Alta.

## CNR Management

Reading in the June 6 issue of The Commonwealth the article entitled "Railways Again Putting Hand in Farmers Pocket", you bet, they have been doing it since the old huccaneer's, McKenzie and Mann, with the aid of professional politicians from that time on.

Some years ago Sir Henry Thornton was asked to take over the management of the C.N.R. He travelled over the whole system and no doubt found a lot of leaks, as I was told by a man at that time employed by the C.N.R., Mr. Thornton, after travelling over the system, made his report to parliament and advised cutting out some of the watered stock. But he was beaten out by dirty politics. Now we have a hanker president and atomic scientist vice-president. What they know of transport is anybody's guess. Some little time ago I read in the paper that the C.N.R. was being overhauled by experts in New York. Seems to me that we should have men here capable of running a railroad, evidently not.

I understand they are also building a big hotel in Montreal and

handing over the management to Mr. Hilton, the U.S.A. man, no doubt to cater to the millionaires and big bugs.

E. J. Dain,  
Handsworth, Sask.

## Life Or Suicide

In view of the recent reports of the incindibility of food in the central districts of Japan on account of the British nuclear test held off the coast of Australia on May 16, I think it imperative for the question of the role of atomic energy be raised again in the chambers of the governments of the world. The sword of Damocles (H-bomb) warfare hangs above the head of the human race (there is only one race, incidentally) and unless atomic energy is nationalized vast dangers present themselves to Man.

I repeat the appeal of the eight eminent scientists: "We are speaking on this occasion, not as members of this or that nation, continent or creed, but as human beings, members of the species Man, whose continued existence is in doubt. Here . . . is the problem which we present to you, stark and dreadful and inescapable: Shall we put an end to the human race, or shall mankind renounce war? . . . We have to remember that issues must no longer be decided by war. . . . The only hope for mankind is the avoidance of war."

I pray to God for help!

George Nasir,  
Winnipeg, Man.

## Social Engineers World's Need

We hear a great deal these days about the Russian Bear; also about the various Russian bug-bears calculated to send shivers running up and down our spines. Such as Russian superiority in H-bombs, jet bombers and ballistic missiles.

Now the latest bug-bear, Russian superiority in numbers of technicians and engineers. The only reply to this situation that has received publicity in press and radio is that we must step up our own output of engineers and out do the Russians. To do this, I submit, only hastens the day of hari-kari, world war III.

While we need a due share of engineers in the physical sciences, the great need today is for "social engineers", students of the liberal arts, who can give us leadership in building a world society which can live in progress and harmony. More publicity should be given to this great need.

Leslie Pritchard,  
Wetaskiwin, Alta.

## Test For Capitalism

Capitalism can no longer resort to war to give a temporary destructive solution to its contradictions. With nuclear weapons this now means suicide.

Peace is now forced upon capitalism which can only plan for death and obliteration, never for peace and life.

It is not only a question of whether paratroopers and guns are more essential to Thailand than reform and honest government; what is going to be necessary in Canada, having to plan for social betterment in place of squandering billions in cold war armaments?

To meet the test of proof by example can only mean peace, an expansion of democracy that must lead to social control of finance and industry, of production and distribution, of wealth in the best interests of all the people.

The social changes arising from

a peace economy are as sure as tomorrow. Two factors may cause a slight delay, namely fear and ignorance. However, the impact of the example from socialist countries which have no fear of this proof by example will overcome the backwardness here along with the advance in socialist thinking in Canada.

James Leslie,  
Holden, Alta.

## Disarmament

Since nomination day, June 4, the Saskatchewan Peace Council has written to all candidates in the Provincial election asking them to answer the following two questions:

(1) Do you agree with the stand taken by Canada's representative, Norman Robertson, at the meeting of the Disarmament Subcommittee held recently in London—namely that a limited agreement on disarmament should now be concluded paving the way to larger agreement later on? (This refers to the United Nations Subcommittee on disarmament, which has five members—Great Britain, France, United States, the Soviet Union and Canada).

(2) As a member the legislature would you advocate the passing of resolutions for peace similar to those already passed by the Saskatchewan legislature and the British Columbia legislature?

Already (June 14) quite a number of candidates representing four different political parties have replied. One Independent candidate has also replied.

Dorothy Morrison  
Regina, Sask.

More than one half of the world's total labor force is located in Asia.

The world's labor force, based on 1950 figures, is placed at 1,025,000,000. Of this total, 59 per cent is employed in agriculture and allied occupation, 18 per cent in industry and 23 per cent in service, transport and communications.

## Colonialism Disgusting Says Sukarno

OTTAWA (CPA). — Active understanding and sympathy for the problems of the people newly freed from the bonds of colonialism was asked of Canadians when President Sukarno of Indonesia addressed a joint session of the commons and senate here recently.

The short, white-uniformed leader of 82,000,000 Indonesians, who was jailed for his anti-colonial activities by the Dutch authorities, received the rare tribute of three standing ovations for his 35-minute address. He spoke in both English and French.

Dr. Sukarno said that today was the age of Asian and African nationalism when the old and hated pattern of colonialism was being thrown off. "Who can be surprised by the fact that colonialism, whatever form it assumes, whatever mask it may hide behind, however it may disguise itself, is indeed a hateful and a disgusting thing?"

"I will tell you this: colonialism left Indonesia with a heritage of illiteracy, a heritage of human sickness, of human ignorance, of human degradation, which was a disgrace and a menace to the twentieth century. We had the highest illiteracy rate in the world. We had the highest mortality rate in the world. We had the lowest living standard in the whole world."

"Our country was rich, but its wealth did not serve to alleviate the misery and ignorance of our people."

After 11 years of self-rule, Indonesia had cut illiteracy by one half, had raised living standards, initiated democratic elections and become a world power in its own right, the Indonesian president said.

While thanking Canada for the

part it had played in such aid schemes as the Colombo Plan, Dr. Sukarno stressed that if struggling nations such as his received the sympathy and understanding of Canadians — despite cultural or ideological differences — "the future of the world can indeed be bright."

## Unions Protest South African Anti-Labor Laws

BRUSSELS (CPA)—The anti-labor racist laws of the South African government have come under fire from the international confederation of free trade unions for a second time. J. H. Oldenbroek, ICFTU general secretary, has asked the International Labor Organization to renew a complaint made by the ICFTU against South Africa in June 1954 that the government's policies did not allow African workers to join unions of their own choice.

In spite of ILO representations at that time, the South African government made no attempt to repeal or amend existing discriminatory legislation. On the contrary, it has introduced new legislation (the industrial enciilation bill, approved by parliament on 1 May 1956) which strengthens its racial and anti-labor policy.

This bill seeks to abolish interracial collaboration in the trade union movement and empowers the Minister of Labor to reserve certain occupations exclusively for workers of one or of certain races. The bill also encourages the breaking-up of existing mixed unions and lays down that no new mixed unions will be registered in future.

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John: "What has four legs, eats oats, has a tail and sees equally well from either end?"

Alex: "I dunno. What?"

John: "A blind horse."



# LOOKING it OVER

★ BY THE EDITOR ★

Jubilation over the smashing victory of the CCF is everywhere in Saskatchewan. Although the Liberal and Social Credit parties between them polled a sizeable vote, very few of the general public are disappointed at the return of the Douglas government. The great advances made under CCF administration and the immense developments which are now taking place are so obvious that only those blinded by prejudice can fail to see them.

It is well known that many people voted against the CCF, not because they were opposed to the administration, but because they felt that a larger opposition was desirable and they thought there was some chance of the CCF making a clean sweep of all seats. It is to be hoped that the people who have indulged in this kind of thinking will realize that such an approach is dangerous to democracy under present circumstances. As long as the majority of the big money boys are opposed to the CCF there will always be plenty of opposition.

At the time of writing the exact number of seats won by the CCF and the Liberals is not definitely known. The CCF has won at least 35 seats. But in Turtleford, Bob Wooff is just two votes behind his Liberal opponent, with three polls not yet reported.

Considering the fact that the advance polls have still to be counted, the following seats could still be considered as in doubt: Humboldt (Joe Burton), Melville (Percy Brown), Notukeu-Willowbunch (Emil Lautermilch), Gravelbourg (Ed. Walker), Qu'Appelle-Wolseley (Harry Wahl), Redberry (Dick Zipchen).

To CCF supporters it is interesting to reflect that in these seats where the CCF is running so closely, just a little more effort over a little longer period would undoubtedly have put them in the column of CCF wins.

It is always true that there are a few people in every constituency who work exceedingly well and hard, and to them an immense amount of credit is due for their self-sacrificing effort. But quite often too much is left to too few.

What is needed to ensure a win for the CCF in each constituency is enough volunteers to visit every home in the constituency at least once before the election, and then an adequate organization to assure that the voters all get to the polls on election day. We cannot emphasize too much the importance of visiting the homes. This is the only way that little misunderstandings and small personal grievances can be cleared up. Let's start thinking now about building an organization that can do the job at the next election.

The next election takes on added importance in view of the large number of votes which went to Social Credit. Most of these voters had absolutely no knowledge of the bad record of the Socreds in both Alberta and B.C. in regard to their treatment of farmers and wage earners. They were attracted by the novelty of a new party, and persuaded by the high pressure technique which sells soap.

It was disgusting and alarming to note that the chief spokesman for Social Credit in the Saskatchewan campaign was not an official of the Social Credit party, not an elected representative of the people, not even a resident of Saskatchewan, but a highly paid, high pressure huckster, described as a "radio broadcaster" from B.C.

The fact that thirty of the Social Credit candidates lost their deposits indicates that over most of the province the voters had an understanding of the facts. But the election of three Social Crediters shows that too many were misled. However, there is consolation in the fact that the three Social Credit members in the Legislature will now have to declare themselves on a number of issues, and they will be called upon to answer questions about their own policy, which throughout the election remained nothing but a big cloud of vague statements.

Comment on the election would not be complete without tribute to the enormous contribution made again by Tommy Douglas. He travelled incessantly at a killing pace, trying to answer all the requests for his presence in all parts of the province. The other members of his cabinet also gave unsparingly of their time.

The immense responsibility for sparking the whole CCF organization fell upon the CCF president, Carlyle King and the CCF provincial secretary, Russ Brown. They did a magnificent job, as the results so well testify.



As this is written it is not known how much longer Tommy Douglas will be premier and I will be attorney general. The votes have not been polled nor counted. Let's then try an article on capital punishment, with no reference of course to those who voted wrong. Harold Weir in the Vancouver Sun backs up the fortitude of the CCF in taking a definite stand in these words:

"Those many CCF associations which have formally aligned themselves against capital punishment have done no more than re-enunciate the fine humanitarian principles of their party, most certainly of their founder and of the majority of their members.

"It's a pleasant and encouraging thing to see this evidence of enlightenment and reform. But there's a danger in it too. And the danger lies in the possibility that the struggle over capital punishment may degenerate into a party struggle and that the CCF's advocacy of abolition may be interpreted by some of our more hard-shelled ropesters as indicating a sort of vague and confused alliance between the death penalty and private enterprise.

"It sounds incredibly stupid. But the world's full of incredibly stupid things. What we mean, really, is that there may be political partisans so narrow between the eyes as to believe that when the CCF espouses the abolition of capital punishment as a party principle it becomes their sacred duty to oppose it on the general and somewhat bewildering thesis that no good can possibly come out of Nazareth.

"All of which is why it's imperative that the forthcoming vote in parliament on capital punishment should be an absolutely free vote with no party coercion whatever.

"The parliamentary vote on capital punishment should be an absolutely free vote because capital punishment is essentially a matter of personal conscience and personal conviction.

"One may have views on private ownership and public ownership, free trade and high tariffs, government loans to pipeline companies and the imposition of closure without dipping very deeply into the matter of morality. But capital punishment is exclusively a matter of public morality. It's neither an economic theory nor a political theory but something which is morally and socially right or morally and socially wrong. There's no compromise, and no middle-ground because a half-hanged man is the ultimate anomaly.

"The vote should be a free vote because while one can readily understand a party committing itself to the abolition of capital punishment, it would be difficult to understand the mentality of a party so tied to the dark ages as to make itself the official spokesman for the gallows.

"Certainly the Liberal party couldn't afford to do it at this juncture. Think of the slogans the

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For every constituency to get in the swim there should be a full quota of delegates at the provincial convention to be held in Saskatoon, July 18-20. It will be an occasion for celebration but also time of concrete planning for future success. What has been learned from the provincial election just past can be put into practice forthwith for the federal effort.

## ★ ★ ★ HEAVENLY DAY!

When Liberal politicians begin to praise Saskatchewan in comparison to other provinces, that is indeed news!

J. Harper Prowse, Alberta Liberal leader is reported to have done that in a speech at Langham last week.

He told his audience that Alberta's provincial budget this year called for the spending of \$242,000,000 compared to \$87,000,000 for Saskatchewan. Alberta expected to receive \$91,000,000 of its budget from oil, but it would get the other \$151,000,000 from the Alberta people.

He said it cost more to live in Alberta, although that province had a slightly higher population than Saskatchewan. The per capita tax in Saskatchewan was about \$100 annually, while in Alberta in 1954 the province collected \$196 from every man, woman and child.

"Even when you consider the oil money," he said, "it costs us more, and you've got everything we've got."

Social Credit said they would eliminate the premium from Saskatchewan's hospitalization plan and substitute the \$1 a day plan, but, said Mr. Prowse, there actually was no provincial hospital scheme in Alberta. It was a municipal plan, with the province giving assistance. Under the Alberta plan the cost was borne by the municipalities and up to 12 mills on the municipal tax rate went for this purpose. The plan also did not have universal coverage and was not applicable to persons away from home.

## ★ ★ ★ THE NEW CCF MEMBERS

Among the many new faces to appear on both sides of the legislature next session will be eight representatives of the CCF.

The new member for Moose Jaw, Bill Davies, is one of the most experienced of the newcomers. Mr. Davies has served on Moose Jaw city council for eight years and has been executive secretary of the Saskatchewan federation of labor since 1946. Among his more important achievements in Moose Jaw was his sponsorship of and contribution to a million-dollar housing project. A youthful and energetic forty, Bill is expected to give added spark to legislative debates.

Eldon Johnson, representing Kerrobert-Kindersley, was an active campaigner, well-known for his playing of the bagpipes, and as brother of Merv Johnson, the "battling MP from Kindersley". Eldon is a successful farmer and engineer and if he follows brother

wits would coin: 'C. D. Howe, closure and the hangman.'

"There was never a case proved so completely to the hilt, by convincing, dispassionate and overwhelming evidence, as the case against the death penalty."

Merv's example, Kerrobert-Kindersley will be well-represented in the Saskatchewan legislature.

The Touchwood constituency has, in Frank Meakes, a man who is actively associated with just about everything that goes on in and around his community. Born in 1917, Mr. Meakes has served on his local school board, the municipal council and the credit union. He has been president of the Lestock co-operative for 11 years and has been on the boards of the local wheat pool committee and the Round Plains Rural Telephone company. Frank has been president of the Touchwood CCF for five years and a provincial council member for one year. Touchwood which has been represented since 1938 by Tom Johnston, retiring speaker of the legislature, believes it has a member who will maintain the high standard of representation set by the beloved Mr. Johnston.

One of Yorkton's biggest boosters, Fred Neibrandt, is also a man of diversified interests. Fred has been farmer, businessman, laborer, and teacher. President of the Yorkton CCF federal constituency, Fred was councillor for the Yorkton provincial group for two years. He is chairman of the agricultural committee of the Yorkton board of trade, director of the Yorkton co-op association and has been active in many community and agricultural societies. He is 56.

John Thiessen will be an able successor to the popular Louis Larsen who passed away a few months ago leaving the Shellbrook seat vacant. Mr. Thiessen received the Shellbrook nomination by acclamation and has a long record of community life. He served four years as councillor on his local R.M. while his father was reeve. He has been a reeve himself for 16 years both at Aberdeen and at Canwood. He has also been a school trustee and secretary of Aberdeen school unit, the Aberdeen board of trade and four local telephone companies.

Kim Thorson just turned 24 is the youngest MLA in Canada. The election of Mr. Thorson sees the end of the Progressive-Conservative representation in the Saskatchewan legislature with the defeat of Robert Kohaly. Kim is a graduate farm-economist and was employed as a research assistant with the provincial economic advisory and planning board until his nomination. Representing Souris-Estevan, Kim is an active member of the wheat pool and the Macoun co-operative association.

Cliff Thurston, representing Lumsden, has spent most of his life living and working on the farm. Politically and otherwise, Cliff has spent most of his time working for rural Saskatchewan and gives promise of being one of the farmers' ablest spokesmen in the new legislature. He was born at Drinkwater, Saskatchewan in 1917. He was secretary of the Lumsden constituency CCF for six years. Elected to the CCF provincial council in 1946 he became chairman two years later. He is currently vice-president of the Saskatchewan CCF.

The new representative for Swift Current is Everett I. Wood. A fourth generation Canadian, Mr. Wood was born in the house in which he resides, in 1910. His intimate knowledge of the affairs of his district and long experience in municipal and provincial politics give Mr. Wood a fine background to represent Swift Current at Regina. He is presently CCF councillor for the Swift Current constituency and was official agent for the CCF candidate in the last federal election.

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